



October 23

Dear Students,

For thousands of years, people who follow God have believed that you should only have sexual intimacy with someone you are married to, and that sex outside of marriage is sinful. And for thousands of years, many other religions and cultures have often had that same belief. Even in the U.S. up until 50 or 60 years ago almost everyone thought those were the right rules, even if not everyone followed them.

Now, our culture mostly promotes the opposite idea. In movies and shows, couples are shown becoming intimate very quickly, often in the first episode of a show or the first few minutes of a movie. Most people now think that if you love someone, or if you think you might love them, or if you are just really attracted to them, then it's ok or normal to be sexually intimate with them. Sometimes people even make fun of anyone who thinks they should wait or who is "too religious".

So how can we figure out what really is right and wrong?

The first thing is to **look at what the Bible says** and also to **look at what wise Christians have written and taught** over the centuries. When you understand what the Bible really teaches and what God wants you to do, then it's easier to make good and wise decisions about your body and your relationships.

This week 10/23: Meet in the Student Room in Bld D after worship for snack, games, and a Bible discussion.

Please keep praying for all your friends and family - and for our church!

Love in Christ,

--Sharon R. and Gloria W.