Sexual Immorality or Porn If I CONTINUE in this, am I still going to heaven?



Proud of you!

We are so proud of you for facing this important question. So many people avoid this question because they don't have the courage and discipline to dig through the scriptures to find the logic and truth of God's heart!

In this study, we will tackle three topics.

- 1. Is this subject covered STRONGLY in Scripture?
- 2. The Logic and Reasons WHY Intentional Immorality is Renouncing Jesus.
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- 3. The root issue is to understand Salvation!

Yes! One hundred times - Yes!

There are few subjects covered more strongly in scripture than this. The Bible repeatedly and forcefully makes it abundantly clear that a person who **CONTINUES** in Sexual Immorality or Pornography is **NOT** going to heaven!

It is worth the extra effort to read each of these scriptures carefully.

Let's start with what the Bible says about those who **TEACH** God's people that you can continue in sexual immorality and still go to heaven.

<u>Jude 4</u> (NIV) For certain individuals whose **condemnation** was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are **ungodly** people, who **pervert** the **grace** of our God into a **license** for **immorality** and **deny Jesus Christ** our only Sovereign and Lord.

What a CLEAR and frightening scripture for those who tell people that you can continue in sexual immorality and still go to heaven. The book of Jude goes on. Three verses later it makes it clear that those who choose to follow this lie and continue in sexual immorality will be in Hell forever.

<u>Jude 7</u> In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the Punishment of Eternal Fire.

There are many clear scriptures that anyone who intentionally continues in sexual immorality will not go to heaven!

<u>Heb. 13:4</u> Marriage should be honored by all and the marriage bed kept pure, for **God** will **JUDGE** the **adulterer** and all the **sexually immoral**.

<u>Eph. 5:3-5</u> But among you there must **NOT** be **EVEN** a **HINT** of **SEXUAL IMMORALITY**, or of **any kind** of **impurity**, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. ⁴ Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. ⁵ For of this you can be sure: No **immoral**, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has **ANY INHERITANCE** in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

<u>Col. 3:5-6</u> Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: **SEXUAL IMMORALITY**, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the **WRATH** of **God** is coming.

<u>Heb. 12:16</u> See that no one is **SEXUALLY IMMORAL**, or is **GODLESS** like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son. The Bible says that being **Sexual Immoral** is to be **Godless**!!!

<u>Rev. 22:12-15</u> "Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.¹⁴ "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.¹⁵ **OUTSIDE** are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the **SEXUALLY IMMORAL**, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

This verse obviously applies to those who **NEVER REPENTED** of those sins. The worst part of those who live in on-going or continual sexual immorality is that they never actually repent. They **CONTINUE** in this lifestyle.

<u>Rev. 2:19-23 20</u> Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. ²¹ I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. ²² So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. ²³ I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds. This is another passage CONDEMNING those who TEACH others that they can continue to

commit sexual immorality and continue to go to heaven.

<u>Rev.21:8</u> But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the **SEXUALLY IMMORAL**, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the **fiery lake** of **burning sulfur**. This is the second death." This verse is clear that unrepentant sexual immorality means Hell forever.

<u>I Cor. 5:9-12</u> I wrote to you in my letter NOT to ASSOCIATE with SEXUALLY IMMORAL people— ¹⁰ not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. ¹¹ But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who CLAIMS to be a brother or sister but is SEXUALLY IMMORAL or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people. ¹² What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? ¹³ God will judge those outside. "Expel the wicked person from among you."

<u>1 Cor. 6:9-10</u> Or do you not know that wrongdoers will **not inherit** the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: **Neither** the **sexually immoral** nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men ¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers **will inherit** the kingdom of God.

<u>I Thess. 4:3-8</u> It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should **avoid sexual immorality**; ⁴ that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, ⁵ not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; ⁶ and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. ⁷ For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. ⁸Therefore, **he who rejects this** instruction does **not reject man but God**, who gives you his Holy Spirit.

<u>II Tim. 2:19 19</u> Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord **must turn away** from **wickedness**."

2. <u>The Logic and Reasons WHY Intentional Immorality is Renouncing Jesus.</u>

i. <u>Sexual Immorality is USING people and the OPPOSITE of Love!</u>

The definition of love in every culture is: "Doing what is best for someone else at any cost to oneself."

When a person wants to PROTECT the soul of someone they love, they instinctively know that by choosing to wait until AFTER the commitment of marriage to have sex that their actions convey they have chosen to do what is BEST for this person and they LOVE this person much more than they desire their OWN PLEASURE!

The opposite is also true. When a person lives for **PLEASURE** more than they care about any other person, they have no problem **USING** people for their own pleasure.

Sexual Immorality is a horrible sin. It is **TAKING** the most **intimate** part of a person for one's own pleasure.

Mt. 24:12 Because of the **increase** of **wickedness**, the **love** of most will grow **cold**

ii. Responsibility BEFORE Reward

"Responsibility BEFORE Reward" is the foundational cornerstone of all stable societies. If you interviewed for a job and the HR manager told you the good news that they were "CONSIDERING" offering you the job, you would generally respond by wanting to show how eager you are to do a good job carrying responsibility.

However, if you responded by telling that HR manager that you wanted to be **PAID** – 5 YEARS worth of salary **BEFORE** you would **even consider** taking the job – you would be shown the door so quickly that they might take you to a mental institution. They would think you are so selfish that you are crazy.

This is the person who wants the Reward BEFORE committing to Responsibility! Sex is the most intimate reward a person can give! For someone to want this reward BEFORE committing the responsibility of cherishing and protecting this soul for a lifetime is pure evil. This person is a sinkhole of selfishness.

iii. <u>Sex is a picture of the **Covenant** with Jesus – Sex outside of marriage is **Renouncing** Jesus.</u>

Ephesians 5:21-33 is the most extensive passage in the Bible on marriage. In the midst of this passage verses 31-32 makes a profound statement that sex between a husband and wife is a **picture** of the **covenant** between Jesus and a Christian. ³¹ "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the **two** will become **one flesh**." ³² This is a profound mystery—but I am **talking** about **Christ** and the **church**.

God created sex as a picture of the reward of heaven and salvation. The tenderness, intimacy and joy of sex **AFTER** a lifelong commitment is the closest picture of us giving our lives to Jesus.

This is why sex outside marriage is so evil. Such a person is not just a selfish taker but in demanding the pleasure of using another human being at the deepest level without responsibility they have renounced the very foundation of the gospel of Jesus. They have renounced Jesus!

iv. Sexual Immorality and Porn are the most INTENTIONAL of all sins

Sexual immorality is also the most **INTENTIONAL** of all sins. No one accidentally gets involved in continual sexual sin. They choose to purposely avoid boundaries that would protect them. They choose to walk in directions that they know in advance will produce immorality.

A person may not plan in advance to get angry or fearful or to exaggerate a statement. Those sins can sneak up on a person who has Godly boundaries. However, the only way a person commits **CONTINUAL** sexual immorality or porn is to **PLAN** on it.

Hebrews 10:26-27 If we **DELIBERATELY KEEP** on **SINNING** after we have received the knowledge of the truth, **no sacrifice for sins is left**, ²⁷ but only a **fearful expectation** of **judgment** and of **raging fire** that will **consume** the **enemies** of **God**.

v. It is likely this person never fully understood Salvation!

The Bible makes it clear that to live FOR Jesus and to live IN Jesus is to live our lives for the SOLE

PURPOSE of **SERVING** that others may see Jesus.

<u>Gal. 2:20</u> I have been crucified with Christ and **I no longer live**, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

<u>I Cor. 9:19</u> Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a **slave to everyone**, to win as many as possible.

When serving others, by letting Jesus shine thru us, is our **ONLY** goal in life \rightarrow then we understand salvation.

Having worked with many hundreds of those who call themselves Christians yet are intentionally continuing in the evils of on-going pornography or sexual immorality – I have **never** known even **ONE** of them who lived their life for the **SOLE PURPOSE** of Jesus living through them to **SERVE OTHERS** that they may see Jesus.

I cannot judge whether they misunderstood or never became Christians or what was lost in the communication.

I can confirm that they definitely did not study what the Bible says about salvation.

That is why I would plead with any person to please invest this small amount of time to utilize these free resources listed below to help launch personal study in what the Bible says about salvation.

Four Study Resources!

- a. <u>"Demons & Deliverance"</u> 4 sermon study on Demons & Salvation! Available on our website www.LibertyChurch.Org
- b. <u>"Life: Am I Fulfilled? What is my Life Purpose? What am I Living For?"</u> 2 sermon study on Salvation, also on our website.
- c. <u>"Medical Monogamous Information Sex God Loves It!</u>" A 45 page booklet filled with scientific, logical, empirical, Biblical, counseling and medical Information that explains why sex outside of marriage is so destructive both spiritually and to the human soul. It also gives 17 interesting scientific studies related to this subject. This booklet is available on our website under the "Written Scripture Studies" section under the "Sermons/ Studies" section.
- d. <u>"Pornography Total Victory & Deliverance!"</u> This is a short pamphlet that is available on our website under the "Written Scripture Studies" on the seven necessary steps to have complete victory from pornography.

3. The root issue is to understand Salvation!

i. So many DECEIVED people

It is shocking how many people we meet who openly intend to continue in sexual immorality or porn and foolishly assume that they are Christians and are going to heaven. Never before in history has such massive deception and perversion existed. The Bible explains that great deception will be a mark of the end times.

<u>1 Tim. 4:1</u> The Spirit clearly says that in LATER TIMES some will abandon the faith and follow DECEIVING spirits and things taught by demons.

<u>II Tim. 2:1, 13</u> But mark this, there will be terrible times in the LAST DAYS...¹³ While evil men and imposters will go from bad to worse DECEIVING and BEING DECEIVED.

<u>1 Thess. 2:10</u> and all the ways that wickedness DECEIVES those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. (I Thess. 2:1-11 is about End Times Deception)

ii. <u>6 passages that say that MANY will assume that they are Christians and find out **too late** that they are **not** Christians and are **condemned** to **Hell** for Eternity</u>

Jesus warned CONSTANTLY about many people who FALSELY ASSUME they are Christians. If people were deceived throughout history, how much more will this be a problem in the LAST DAYS when deception rules.

<u>Mt. 7:21-23</u> "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.²² **Many** will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, 'I **never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers**!'

<u>Mt. 7:13-14</u> "Enter through the narrow gate. For **wide** is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and **many** enter through it. ¹⁴ But **small** is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a **few** find it. (These verses are mathematically frightening! They present the deceived as the strong majority)

<u>Matthew 25:1-13 The Parable of the Ten Virgins</u>⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' ¹² "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I **don't know you**.'

<u>Luke 12:35-37a, 38-46 The Unfaithful Servant</u>⁴⁶ The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will **cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers**.

Matthew 25:14-30 The Parable of the Talents ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

<u>Matthew 25:31-33. 41-46</u> The Sheep and the Goats ⁴¹"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from **me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.** For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' "Then they will **go away to eternal punishment**, but the righteous to eternal life."

iii. Salvation STARTS with DEATH & ENDS with "I Live to SERVE"

These four words *"Salvation Starts with Death"* SEPARATE the Real Christians from the Foolishly Assuming False Christians. For real Christians, the concept of going through this death is very real, clear and obvious.

Real Christians have deeply embraced these two truths.

1. Apart from Jesus, I am Selfish, Self-Deceived & can NOT ever be Pure or Clean. Apart from Jesus, I DESERVE Hell!

Sadly, many Christians have never studied the great book of Romans and they think that this truth means that they can just "*Accept*" Jesus as a **gift** while **still living** their life **primarily** for their **own SELF**!

They don't understand the **second half** of this **DEATH**! The second half of this Death is that every time I **LIVE** for **SELF** I spread **DEATH** to myself and everyone around me. It ties into the very **NATURE** of **LIFE** & **DEATH** itself.

This is why the two sermon study on Salvation is titled:

"Life: Am I Fulfilled? What is my Life Purpose? What am I Living For?"

In this two sermon series, we walk through every single option of Living for Self and find the DEATH in each aspect of living for SELF!

Here is the second half of that "DEATH" process!

2. Every time *"I live for SELF"* as my primary motive, it is like spraying ACID over everyone I love including MYSELF!

Facing these two horrible truths **TOGETHER COMPLETES** our death as Christians.

It is what makes us so very FREE to live all our lives INTOXICATED, THRILLED, HONORED & EXCITED to live every minute with the SOLE PURPOSE of letting Jesus live through us to SERVE Others. Nothing

thrills us more than to let them SEE Jesus through us.

It is this completed death that sets us free!

If your best friend was in the hospital and the doctor told you that your friend was 80% dead you would be terribly offended. You would strongly rebut that your friend is still 20% ALIVE!

In the same way, many people think that they have become Christians when they are only 30%, 50% or 70% dead.

They believe that they deserve Hell for their wrong actions but they still think that **SOME** of their living for **SELF** is fulfilling!

Whether this "Half-Caterpillar / Half-Butterfly" has ever truly been born again is only for God to decide.

However the scripture IS CLEAR about what will happen to those who choose to continue in sexual immorality.

This completed "**Death**" is the starting place of salvation for every true Christian is consistent throughout the entire Bible and is the central theme of every book of the Bible.

- 1. <u>Col. 3:3</u> For **you died** and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.
- 2. <u>II Tim. 2:11-12</u> Here is a trustworthy saying: **If we died** with him, **we will also live with him**; if we endure, we will also reign with him, If we disown him, he will also disown us;
- 3. <u>Romans 6:5</u> if we have been **united** with him, like this **in his death** like this, we will certainly also be **united** with him in his resurrection. (Death mentioned **20** times in **23** verses in Romans 6 the chapter on Victory)
- 4. <u>Galatians 2:20</u> I have been crucified with Christ and **I no longer live**, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Once we face this death we gladly EXCHANGE our life with Jesus.

In this exchange, we give ALL of our life to Jesus and we live ONLY for Him.

Thus, the real Christian is **NEVER tempted** to run their own life or turn back to **SELF**-Rule because they already know that **ALL** of selfishness is **MISERY**, **EMPTINESS**, **PAIN & DEATH**!

We live FOR Jesus and He lives THROUGH us!

In this new state, we have only **ONE** Purpose. That single purpose is to let Jesus live through us as we **SERVE OTHERS** to let them SEE Jesus.

iv. Salvation is completed when our SOLE LIFE PURPOSE is to SERVE OTHERS.

In my teaching on Demons and Deliverance I talk about how the one question that everyone will be asked at the **GREAT WHITE THRONE Judgement** is:

"Did you live for SELF or did you live to SERVE?"

A more accurate expanded definition of *"Live to Serve!"* would be that we let Jesus' life and grace shine through us to serve others that they may see Jesus and not us. However at the Great White Throne Judgement, all hearts and motives will be made clear and I would guess that point would also be made clear. ©

The most frightening aspect of people who continue in Sexual Immorality or Porn and call themselves Christians is that I have never met one who lives to SERVE others to bring people to Jesus. All of those that I have known live a life that is dominated by a life of living for SELF.

Here are many more passages that say that Jesus called us in His Lordship to Live ONLY to SERVE!

1. <u>I John 2:6</u> Whoever claims to live in him **MUST live as Jesus did**.

This passage might be overwhelming and discouraging if Jesus was not so very careful to be clear many times what he meant by *"Living as Jesus did"*

This does NOT mean that we are sinless or perfect.

However Jesus **SOLE PURPOSE** was to SERVE and he makes it clear that we are to FOLLOW in his footsteps.

In fact this verse uses the imperative word *"MUST"* live as Jesus did.

- <u>John 13:12-16</u> When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. 13 "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. 15 I have set you an example that YOU SHOULD DO as I have done for you. 16 Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.
- <u>Matt. 20:26-28</u> Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to SERVE, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
- 4. <u>John 15:12-13</u> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ **GREATER love** has no one than this: to **lay down one's life** for one's friends.

Some people try to **DILUTE** God's Word and say that obeying Jesus means **LOVING** others.

Jesus made sure that we did not make LOOPHOLES! ©

Many people can make their **OWN DEFINITION** of loving others that can include a lot of **selfishness**.

That is why Jesus was careful to DEFINE love as SERVING!

- 5. <u>Phil. 2:3</u> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in **humility value others ABOVE** yourselves,
- <u>Phil. 2:5-7</u> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
 ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a SERVANT, being made in human likeness.
- 7. Ja. 2:17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is DEAD.
- 8. <u>Gal. 5:13</u> You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do **not use** your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, **SERVE one another humbly** in **Iove**.
- <u>Mt. 16:24-25</u> Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.
- 10. <u>Ephesians 4:7-16</u> ⁷ But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. ⁸ This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people." ⁹ (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? ¹⁰ He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) ¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to **equip** his people for **works of service**, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their

deceitful scheming.¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as **each part** does **its work**.

In the fourth sermon in the Demons and Deliverance series, I explain how this passage ties Jesus victory over demons to how he structured His Church.

Jesus made it very simple. Every Christian is to come into our local church with one primary goal. We want to be trained to SERVE! When everyone in the local church from the Senior Pastor to every member lives as servants and lives only to SERVE others; the church is a very safe and healthy place.

Between the local church and serving others by always having one friend with whom we daily read God's Word, it is easy to bear great fruit for Jesus in our lives of serving others.

- 11. <u>Luke 14:26-33</u> "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple.²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me can NOT be my disciple.²⁸ "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.' ³¹ "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³ In the same way, those of you who do **NOT** give up **EVERYTHING** you have can **NOT** be my **DISCIPLES**.
- 12. <u>II Cor. 5:15</u> And he died for all that those who live should **NO LONGER LIVE FOR THEMSELVES** but for HIM who died for them and was raised again.
- 13. <u>Rom. 6:22-23</u> But now that you have been set free from sin and have become SLAVES to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- 14. <u>Romans 10:9</u> If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord (SLAVE-Master)," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
 A slave does not get up in the morning and start planning their day. A slave wakes up in the morning and spends every minute asking: "What does my master desire of me?"
- <u>II Tim. 2:19</u> Never the less, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription, the Lord knows those who are his and EVERYONE who confesses the name of the Lord MUST TURN AWAY from WICKEDNESS.
- 16. <u>Matthew 7:19-21</u> Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them. **Not everyone** who says to me, `Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but **only** he who **does the will** of my Father who is in heaven.
- 17. <u>Acts26:20</u> I preached that they should repent and turn to God and **demonstrate** their repentance by their **deeds**.

18. <u>Matthew 10:37-39</u> "Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

v. Being Restored from Sexual Immorality and Pornography can be painful.

When a person is ready to repent of sexual immorality or pornography, they often do not recognize the damage that has been done to their soul. By living in raw perverted selfishness, they have torn down the fabric of their soul and usually invited demonic powers of harassment.

The longer and deeper someone drowns in this selfish perversion, the more damage is done to their souls.

When they repent, Jesus is ready to restore them but they have created an addiction in their flesh that will require discipleship with Godly Christians through the Word of God and the Spirit of God to bring freedom.

Jesus forgives sins. However sin has consequences.

The more a person gives themselves fully to be discipled in God's Word and serves faithfully in God's Church, and especially to live a life of serving others, the sooner they will receive full freedom and victory and have their soul restored.

We have been blessed to see many hundreds of people fully restored to freedom and victory. Their innocence, purity, character, and love are restored to God's original design. It is a beautiful thing to see!