



FREEDOM FROM PERVERTED LOVE



Sin is a cruel tyrant. It is the most devastating and degenerating power ever to afflict the human race, such that the entire creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. Rom 8:22.

John MacArthur



It corrupts the entire person-infecting the soul,
polluting the mind, defiling the conscience,
contaminating the affections and poisoning
the will. It is the life destroying, soul
condemning cancer that festers grows in
unredeemed human heart like incurable
gangrene. (John MacArthur)

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1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. 3 But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. 4 Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. 5 For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

EPHESIANS 5:1–6

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3 Commands you must obey to walk in love so as to protect you from perverted love

1. The believer should walk in Christlike love
2. The believer should not walk in worldly love
3. The believer should heed the warnings

1. THE BELIEVER SHOULD WALK IN CHRISTLIKE LOVE



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18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

ESV

29 For those whom he foreknew
he also predestined to be
conformed to the image of his
Son, in order that he might be the
firstborn among many brothers.

ROMANS 8:29

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2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

1 JOHN 3:2-3

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22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

GALATIANS 5:22

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3 For this is the love of God,
that we keep his
commandments. And his
commandments are not
burdensome.

1 JOHN 5:3

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8 but God shows his love
for us in that while we
were still sinners, Christ
died for us.

ROMANS 5:8

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46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

MATTHEW 27:46

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2. THE BELIEVER SHOULD NOT WALK IN WORLDLY LOVE



3 But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. 4 Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.

EPHESIANS 5:3-4

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18 give thanks in all
circumstances; for this is
the will of God in Christ
Jesus for you.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

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1 There is therefore now
no condemnation for
those who are in Christ
Jesus.

ROMANS 8:1

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11 For the grace of God has
appeared, bringing salvation for all
people, 12 training us to renounce
ungodliness and worldly passions,
and to live self-controlled, upright,
and godly lives in the present age,

TITUS 2:11-12

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13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

ROMANS 8:13

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16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

GALATIANS 5:16

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12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. 13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

ROMANS 6:12-13

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3. THE BELIEVER SHOULD HEED THE WARNINGS



5 For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

EPHESIANS 5:5–6

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9 No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. 10 By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

1 JOHN 3:9-10

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21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. 24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, 25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

ROMANS 1:21-25

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10 he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. 11 And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name."

REVELATION 14:10-11

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