

- I. The Lord wants us to be blameless
- A. It requires His work
- B. It takes our work too
- II. Blamelessness includes our sexual sphere
- A. If we're single, blameless means chaste and pure
- B. If we're married, blameless means chaste and pure
- III. Blamelessness includes our speech
- A. Lies are not an option
- B. Our speech can stain too

Rev 5:6; Ps 48:1-2;
 Heb 12:22; Rev 7:4-8;
 Eph 1:13; John 10:27-30;
 II Pet 2:13; Eph 1:3-4;
 Eph 5:25-27; Col 1:21-22

Eph 5:25-27; 1:3-7, 13;
 Rom 3:23-25; Titus 3:5;
 Col 1:21; Jude 24

Col 1:21-23; II Pet 3:13-14;
 Phil 2:12-15

Gen 1:27; 2:21-24;
 I Tim 4:1-5; Prov 18:22

I Cor 7:25-26; I Thess 4:3;
 I Cor 6:18-20; Col 3:5-6;
 I Tim 5:2; Matt 5:8, 27-28;
 I Tim 1:5; Phil 4:8; Job 31:1;
 Ps 101:3; Eph 5:3-5

I Cor 7:1-5; Heb 13:4;
 Song of Solomon

Rev 21:8, 27; 22:15;
 John 8:44; Num 23:19a;
 Titus 1:1-2; Eph 4:22-25;
 Col 3:9

Phil 2:14;
 Prov 17:27; 10:19; 15:28;
 Eph 5:3-5

Small Group Questions

1. The word “blameless”, translated from a specific Greek word, is used nine times in the New Testament. What is its basic meaning?
2. According to Colossians 1:21-23 (one of the passages with “blameless”), in what spiritual state do we begin our spiritual journey (give the description from your Bible version)? How close to blameless is that?
3. Why was it necessary, as it is revealed in Ephesians 5:25-27 (another use of our word) that Christ “give Himself” for us? What did that accomplish? How is that applied to a person?
4. What does it mean to be “justified”? Which of our problems before God does that address?
5. It takes His work to change our inner person. What is the process of that work called? How does God do that?
6. What is our contribution to that work (see question above)?
7. What are the “blameless” sexual standards for an unmarried follower of Christ? What are the standards for a married follower? What might those look like?
8. What specific temptations/battles are most difficult for you in the sexual arena of spiritual life? How have you learned to be wiser in your dealing with those?
9. “Lies are not an option for a blameless walk before God.” Why is that? What options are there for us when we don’t think it is wise to tell someone the whole truth?