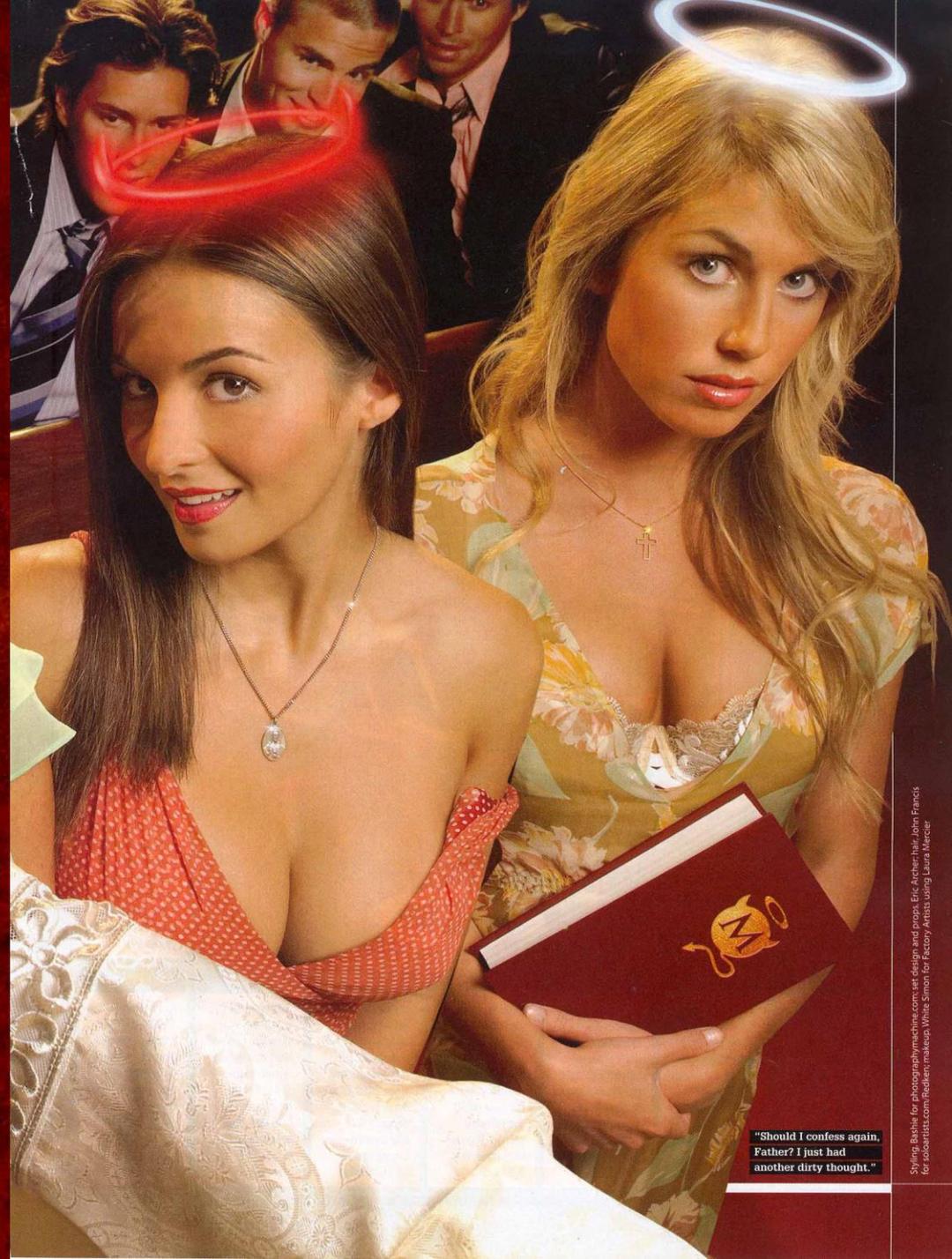


Sex In The Body Of Christ

Part 2:

Lies and
Rationalizations



"Should I confess again,
Father? I just had
another dirty thought."

Last Week:

**Statistics about the pervasiveness of sex
in our present-day society**

**A look at the pervasiveness of sex
within the church.**

Today:

**A hard look at the issues
behind the numbers.**

**God's Word –
Exposing the Darkness:
Ephesians 5:8-10;13**

“For you were once in darkness, but now you are the light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. . . . But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible.”

Why is Christ having so little impact on the sexual behavior of those in the body of Christ?

Attempts to Address the Problem

Careful study of the commandments
to remain pure.

Books on chastity and avoiding'
sexual temptation.

Sermons and classes on purity.

Purity programs – “True Love Waits”

So What Else Can We Do?

Our Challenge

**Pulling Apart Satan's Lies
and Our Rationalizations**

A True Spirit of Confession

Growing Up – At Any Age

**Starting on the Long Road
to Freedom**

Lies & Rationalizations:

“I’m just a physical person.”

**“Everyone struggles in one area or another.
This just happens to be the area in which
I struggle.”**

Lies & Rationalizations:

“Guys just want to have sex so they can brag to their friends that they ‘hit it.’”

“For guys, sex is just a physical act that is unconnected with their feelings.”

Lies & Rationalizations:

“Unless there is penetration, it is not sex.”

**“I am still a virgin if we have never actually
‘done it.’”**

“Oral sex does not count as sex.”

“Experimenting with friends is not sex.”

Lies & Rationalizations:

**“Lust is a sin, and all sins are equal.
At least if I act on my impulses,
and take care of my lustful thoughts,
I will be sinning less, not more.”**

**“Jesus forgives all sins. I am so good
in other areas, I am sure that He
will easily forgive these sins.”**

Lies & Rationalizations:

**“God created us to be sexual beings.
I am just acting the way God made me.”**

**“If He didn’t want us to have sex,
He wouldn’t have made us so sexual.”**

Lies & Rationalizations:

“Fornication really refers to immoral sex, or illicit sex, or sex without love.

We are in love, so sex is allowable (or at least less offensive).”

“God knows that we are going to get married, so I sure He understands.”

The Truth

1 Peter 1:13-16

“Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

The Truth

Ephesians 5:3-4

“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. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.”

The Truth

2 Corinthians 5:17-18a

**“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come!
All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.”**

The Truth

Hebrews 10:22-24

“Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

The Truth

Hebrews 10:26-31

“If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. . . . How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the spirit of grace? . . . It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

What Do You Think?

Are Christians having sex as a result of low self esteem?

Are Christians having sex out of despair? Or out of an “I might as well” mentality?

Are Christians having sex because of past abuse or experience?

Are Christians having sex because we are told not to?

Are Christians having sex because we have no self control or because we cannot stop ourselves physically once we get started down a certain path?

Are Christians have sex because they want to?



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