



Sexual Purity Course Lesson 30

We began this series with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We found that Christ's death and resurrection secured our forgiveness. The *penalty* for our sins has been paid. Furthermore, we found that sin no longer rules over those who have put their faith in Christ. His death and resurrection has broken the *power* of sin. We will end on one more glorious note. When Jesus Christ returns we will be completely free from the *presence* of sin.

Scripture: Read Philippians 1:6; 3:20-21; 2 Peter 3:8-13; 1 John 3:1-3; and Revelation 21:1-8.

Study:

1. What will happen to the bodies of believers when Jesus returns? What will happen to indwelling sin because this transformation?
2. What will happen to the creation when Jesus returns? Will sin have any place in the recreated universe? Explain.
3. How should these truths about the future impact us at the present time?

Application:

It is tempting to dwell on the failures that we experience as Christians. We know the gospel. We know God's will. We are grieved that we still give into temptation. Yet consider this: if you have believed the gospel, you are in the process of becoming more and more like Jesus. God is doing something marvelous within you. God, by His Spirit, is renewing your mind and heart. He is refining you through trials and temptations. He is allowing you to learn holiness through discipline. He is forging your character. He is preparing you for glory. God's plan is to give you more and more freedom from sin, even sexual immorality, until it is finally eradicated from you forever! His goal is to make you completely like Jesus so that you live all out for His glory. Persevere! The glory of God is worth it!