THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ April 18, 2010

"What the Bible REALLY Says about Sex"

1 Corinthians 6:12 – 7:9

BACKGROUND

Is it safe to talk about sex in church?

YES!

The Bible has a lot to say about the origin of sex, the purpose of sex, the goodness of sex, the confines of sex, and the importance of sex in marriage.

There's even a whole book of the Bible that paints a beautiful poetic picture of sex – the Song of Songs (often called the Song of Solomon).

However, our culture has taken the very good gift of sex and so distorted and misused it that we who follow Jesus often go to the opposite extreme. Christians are often unnecessarily anxious about sex and reluctant to bring it up, even to their own children.

So let's talk about it…

SERMON NOTES

KNOWING GOD

a) Read **1 Corinthians 6:9-11.** Why is God angry at deviations from and distortions of his good gift of sex?

b) Read **1 Corinthians 6:12-20.** What view of sex, current in both Paul's day and ours, is expressed by the quotations in verses 12-13? Is that a Biblical view? Why or why not?

c) Read **1 Corinthians 7:1-9.** In his sermon, Mike explained that in verse 1 is another saying current in Paul's day (as in ESV and the marginal reading in the NIV). What attitude about sex is being expressed? Is that a Biblical view? Why or why not?

GROWING TOGETHER

a) When Christians talk about sexual sin, what are some proper attitudes we ought to have? (See **1 Corinthians 6:11**)

b) What would it look like for UPC to equip young people and married couples with a healthy, balanced view of sex?

c) How does believing the gospel, over time, repair sexual brokenness?

SERVING OTHERS

a) In **1 Corinthians 7:8-9,** Paul addresses singles both with words of encouragement and realism. If you are married, how can you serve the unmarried Christians of our church?

b) If you are single, how can your singleness be a gift to the rest of the church?

MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." **(1 Corinthians 10:31)**