

The Deadly Sin of Lust (Pt. 3)

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 - A. The Sin that Jesus Condemns (28a)
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 1. The Verdict (28b) – “he has already committed adultery...in his heart”
 2. The Sentence (29-30) – “to be thrown into hell”

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 - C. The Forgiveness that Jesus Offers (cf. Jn. 13:10)
 - 1. The Once-for-all Legal Forgiveness of our Judge (Jn. 13:10; 1 Cor. 1:9-11; 2 Cor. 5:21)
 - 2. The Ongoing Relational Forgiveness of our Father (Jn. 13:10; 1 Jn. 1:7, 9)

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IV. The Law against Adultery Applied (29-30)

A. What Jesus Does Not Mean – *physical mutilation*

1. The apostles were guilty of lust but didn't mutilate their bodies.
2. Eyes and hands don't cause us to sin—hearts do.
3. Tearing out your right eye won't keep you from lust.
4. Church history confirms Jesus is making a spiritual point.
5. Col. 2:20-23 says that harsh treatment of the body is of no value

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IV. The Law against Adultery Applied (29-30)

- A. What Jesus Does Not Mean – *physical mutilation*
- B. What Jesus Does Mean – *spiritual zeal*
 - 1. Accept Full Responsibility
 - 2. Have Zero Tolerance
 - 3. Do Whatever's Necessary
- C. What Scripture Counsels

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1. Develop a habit of thanksgiving (Eph. 5:4)
2. Use the Word (Ps. 119:11; Jn. 17:17; Eph. 6:17)
3. Pray (Mt. 6:13)
4. Run...
 - Leave the place of temptation (Gen. 39:9-12)
 - Stay away from people and places that tempt you to sexual sin (Pr. 5:8)
 - Make it hard to sin (Rom. 13:14)
5. Enjoy the gift of physical intimacy (Pr. 5:15-20; 1 Cor. 7:1-5, 8-9)

C. What Scripture Counsels

6. Rely on biblical resources

- *Sin and Temptation* by John Owen (the newer version edited by Kelly Kopic & Justin Taylor)
- *Finally Free* by Heath Lambert
- "Putting Sin to Death," Tom's CBC sermon on Rom. 8:13 (8/17/25)
- A mature biblical counselor or elder

7. Depend on Christ

- Rely on and plead for His help in temptation (Heb. 4:15-16)
- Rely on and plead for sanctification (Jn. 15:5; Eph. 5:25-26)

Key Perspectives in the Battle with Lust

1. Don't fight the war on only one front.
2. Don't forget the war is for a lifetime.
3. Don't forget the ultimate goal.