

Avoiding Immorality!

- Introduction:

- The definition of “Crazy” is “doing the same thing in the same way and expecting to get different results!”

To Avoid Immorality One
Must:

Understanding Immorality's

Motives.

4:17-19

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One Must Put On Christ. 4:20-

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20 But you did not learn Christ in this way, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, 22 that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, 23 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

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- Recognize Jesus as the Christ. 20-21

- Jesus is Christ. 20

But you did not learn Christ in this way,

- Jesus' must be accepted. 21

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- Put off the former manner of life.

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- We're to make efforts to put it off.

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- ~~We~~²⁴ must renew our mind. 23-
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- It's putting on the new self by knowing Jesus. 24

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One Must Practice Christ 4:25-

25 **32** Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth each one of you with his neighbor, for we are members of one another. 26 Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and do not give the devil an opportunity. 28 He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need. 29 Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear. 30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

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■ Conclusion:

- Avoiding immorality takes God and us working together.
- We first must acknowledge what God says about it, confess our immorality to Him, and come find the help God offers in Christ Jesus.
- Why not give our life to Jesus in baptism today and He will give us forgiveness and victory over immorality.

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- Having heard, Rom. 10:17
- Believe what you've heard, Acts 2:40-41
- Repent of your past life and turn to Jesus, Acts 17:30
- Confess that Jesus is God's Son Rom. 10:9
- Be Baptized in Jesus name Acts 2:38
- Enjoy the sanctification in God's kingdom