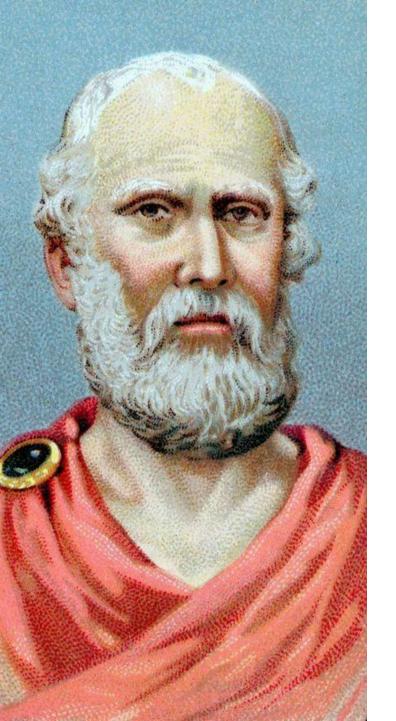
Sex and the Christian Church

1 Corinthians 5:1-13 & 6:9-20





The Greek & Roman World

- The spirit matters. The body doesn't.
- Extreme promiscuity or total abstinence.
- Sex was everywhere!
- The perfect need not worry about sin.



Today's World

- Do whatever you can get away with.
- Use money, fame and power for your own advantage.
- Other people are just objects for your gratification.



Today's World

What business is it of yours to judge those outside the church? ... God will judge those outside. 1 Corinthians 5:12-13



Today's Church

Are you not to judge those inside? ... "Expel the wicked man from among you."

1 Corinthians 5:12-13



Today's Church

- The Church is fallen
- Corruption has got in
- The Body matters
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- Called to complete purity of the body



Homosexuality

- Paul writes about activity not orientation.
- One sin amongst many on the list.
- The Christians in Corinth had changed.



What Can I Do?

A Change of Perspective

- Recognise my sinfulness
- Recognise the power of God to change me
- Flee from sin
- Be the Temple!