

PAUL'S CONCEPT OF SEXUAL ACTIVITY IN MARRIAGE: AN EXEGETICAL STUDY OF I CORINTHIANS 7:1-5 IN THE AFRICAN PERSPECTIVE

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ABSTRACT

Sexual activities have breed discord and broken many homes on the African continent. In many cases children born to these homes are left without hope and the family in disarray. Some who took Oaths to celibate life remain unfaithful today. This article traces the position of Paul on sexual activities in marriage in 1 Corinthians 7:1-5 and the African view on sex and its' importance in marriage. Paul's theology on sexuality encourages sex in marriage and celibacy against the immoral practices of the Aphrodite cult of his day. In Africa, sexuality is important in marriage and seems not to promote celibacy. The paper adopts the exegetical, theological, and comparative approaches in carrying out this investigation.

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