

“Whole” | 1 Corinthians 7



The Big Idea

You are already whole,
You are already complete,
Regardless of your marital status.

*4 Marriage should be honored by all,
and the marriage bed kept pure,*

-Hebrews 13:4a

18 The Lord God said, “It is not good for
the man to be alone...

-Genesis 2:18

31 “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”

32 This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

- Ephesians 5:31-32

*7 I wish that all of you were as I am.
But each of you has your own gift
from God; one has this gift, another
has that.*

*8 Now to the unmarried and the
widows I say: *It is good for them to
stay unmarried, as I do.**

- 1 Corinthians 7:7-8

1. The Bible Does Not Ignore Sex
2. The Bible Does Not Elevate Sex
3. The Bible Celebrates Sex

6 I say this as a concession, not as a command.

- 1 Corinthians 7:6

25 ...I have no command from the Lord, but I give a judgment as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy.

- 1 Corinthians 7:25

7 I wish that all of you were as I am.
But each of you has your own gift
from God; one has this gift, another
has that.

- 1 Corinthians 7:7

8 Now to the unmarried and the widows I say: It is good for them to stay unmarried, as I do.

- 1 Corinthians 7:8

9 But if they cannot control themselves, they should marry, for it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

- 1 Corinthians 7:9

17 Nevertheless, each person should live as a believer in whatever situation the Lord has assigned to them, just as God has called them.

- 1 Corinthians 7:17

25 Now about virgins: I have no command from the Lord, but I give a judgment as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy.

26 *Because of the present crisis*, I think that it is good for a man to remain as he is.

- 1 Corinthians 7:25-26

28 But if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. But those who marry will face many troubles in this life, and I want to spare you this.

- 1 Corinthians 7:28

32 I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs—how he can please the Lord.

33 But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how he can please his wife—

34 and his interests are divided.

34 and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord's affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world—how she can please her husband.



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3. What Eternity Is Like.

30 At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven.

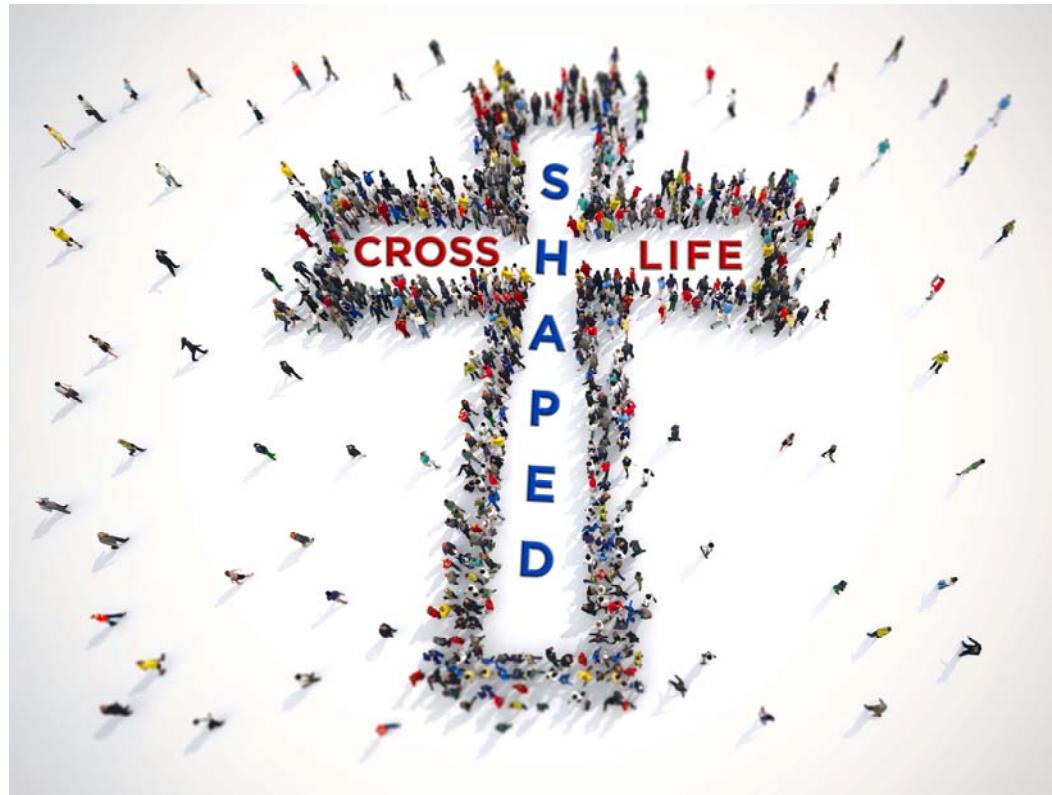
- Matthew 22:30

12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then *face to face*. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

- 1 Corinthians 13:12

46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, Ilema sabachthani?" that is,
"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

- Matthew 27:46



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