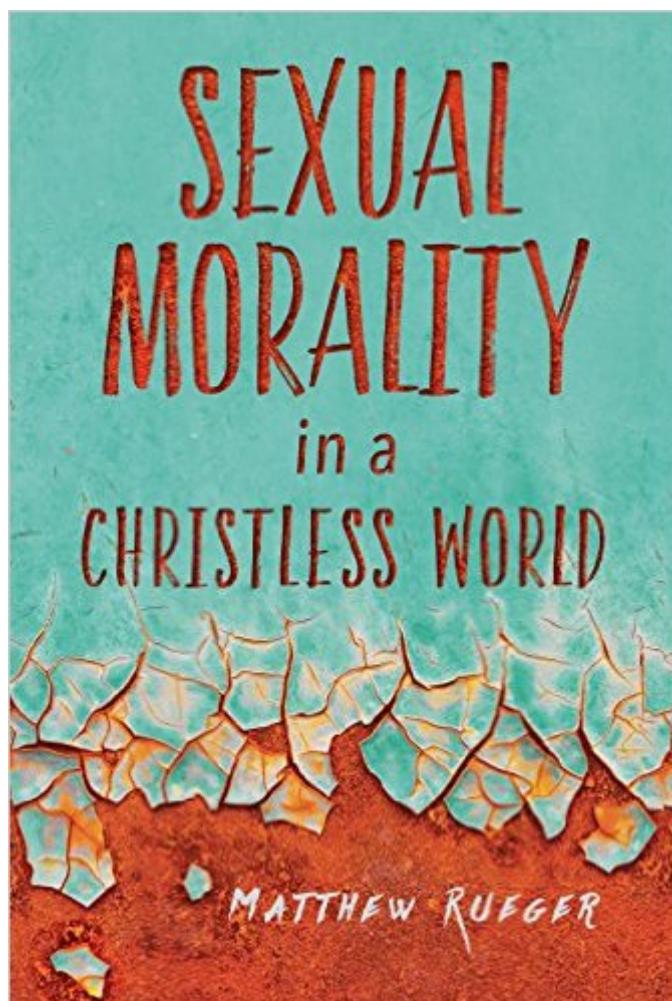


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# Sexual Morality In A Christless World



## **Synopsis**

Outcast. Radical. Countercultural. Does standing out in the crowd ever leave you speechless? Like in St. Paul's day, the church around the world and particularly in America now frequently faces hostility at the first mention of homosexuality in casual conversations or public square debates. Author Matthew Rueger openly embraces this hot topic, giving you a framework for defending your beliefs by first exploring the relationship between sexual sin in ancient history and twenty-first century tangles of the same flavor. Topics such as temptation, promiscuity, marriage, homosexuality, natural law, and the church's role in it all swirl together to reveal our unifying need for a Savior. Rueger writes compassionately with a father's heart and adamantly with a fierce determination to outline the truth about sexual morality from a reasoned Christian perspective. We need to expect the unpleasant from our opponents, arm ourselves with answers to common objections, and speak in clarity and love. And let's not lose sight of the church as a place of refuge for those who are battered down by their desires. Real people with real struggles are being lost. Find your voice!

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Matthew Rueger provides rational arguments against the ongoing decline of sexual morals from history, science, and proper contextual interpretation of key Biblical passages. While arguments against the acceptance of homosexual behavior are an emphasis in the book, the decline in heterosexual moral behavior is also covered. The arguments made from both secular and religious sources provide hope to Christian and non-Christian that repentance can lead to forgiveness and a desire for chastity. A unique feature of this book is that Rueger presented and refined these

arguments as a regular guest speaker undergraduate university classes. The even and rational tone needed to present these arguments in the classroom comes through in the book. I recommend this book as a resource for those needing to defend or uphold high standards of sexual morality in the public square.

Excellent resource for defending Biblical teaching on God's will for His gift of sex!

A great book by a great pastor!

Everybody should read this book.

Although in the same denomination as Pastor Rueger, I really can not recommend this book. The sections on the Roman and Hebrew backgrounds are OK. The treatment of the Biblical verses prohibiting same sex sex are standard for the conservative end of the spectrum. However, he puts all of his eggs in one or two baskets when it comes to the causes of homosexuality. In his treatment of the subject, either it is caused by childhood experiences or by the decision of the individual. And he relies far too much on studies that say there is no proof homosexuality is innate and immutable. Even if these things could be proved in the general sense, that does not translate to the individual. And that is where this book really falls apart. It has little true understanding of the individual. Most of what Pastor Rueger says has little application to actual ministry or the Christian life of the same sex attracted person. And all of his arguments, especially the ones that rely on natural law fall flat to anyone who does not already agree with his point of view. Further, the chapter that includes the Gospel is, by far, the shortest chapter in the book and the caveat that "we must continue to speak against homosexuality" takes almost as much room in that chapter as the love of Christ does. Altogether, it is pretty much a re-hash of dozens of other books on homosexuality by conservative Christian authors. If you've read one, you've read them all so I would not bother buying this one. And, by the way, why is it that when you pick up a book by a Christian author today that has "sexual morality" in the title, you can bet it will be about homosexuality? Do people no longer commit rape? Has the internet finally run out of porn? Are divorce, premarital sex and adultery no longer practiced? Why do Christians limit sexual morality to the subject of homosexuality?

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