



50 Reasons Why Not

Friends, I thought I would take a break this week and share with you an interesting article I came across from Pastor Kevin DeYoung regarding the new "50 Shades of Grey" film:

"There is nothing gray about whether a follower of Christ should see 50 Shades of Grey. This is a black and

humor weighty enough to sufficiently condemn such a vile film.

And no, I haven't seen the movie. I haven't watched the trailer either. I haven't read a single page from the book. Reading about the premise from Wikipedia and the IMDB for two minutes

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white issue. Don't go. Don't watch it. Don't read it. Don't rent it.

I don't even want to talk about it. Another blogger and I went back and forth for several weeks about how we could write a satirical review panning the movie and skewering those who think they need to see it in order to be relevant. We couldn't do it. There was no way to make the

convicted me I didn't need to know any more. Sex is a wonderful gift from God, but like all God's gifts it can be opened in the wrong context and repackaged in ugly wrapping. Violence against women is not acceptable just because she's open to the suggestion, and sex is not open to all permutations, even in an adult relationship. Mutual

Upcoming events



Thursday, 2/12

B JV/V vs. Shawe, 6 p.m.

Friday, 2/13

Spring Sports Registration Ends

G V Sectional vs. New Washington @ South Central, 6 p.m.

Saturday, 2/14

G V Sectional Championship @ South Central, 7 p.m.

consent does not a moral philosophy make.

Sex is a private matter to be shared in the privacy and sanctity of the marriage bed (Heb. 13:4). Sex, as God designed it, is not meant for actors who pretend (or not) that they are making “love.” The act of conjugal union is what married couples do behind closed doors, not what disciples of Jesus Christ pay money to watch on a screen the size of your house.

As I’ve said before, we have to take a hard look at what we put in front of our eyes as men and women seated in the heavenly places (Col. 3:1-2). If 50 Shades is a problem, by what standard do we give ourselves a pass on the rest of the sensuality we freely

consume? To be sure, awareness of sin is not by itself the problem. The Bible is full of rank immorality. It would be simplistic and morally untenable—even unbiblical—to suggest you cannot watch sin or read about sin without sinning yourself. But the Bible never titillates with its description of sin. It never paints vice with virtue’s colors. It does not entertain with evil (unless to mock it). The Bible does not dull the conscience by making sin look normal and righteousness look strange.

Christians shouldn’t try to “redeem” 50 Shades of Grey. We should not get cutesy and advertise a new sermon series on “50 Shades of Grace.” We should not give both art and

holiness a bad name by thinking that somehow something as dark as 50 Shades is worth viewing or worth reviewing. According to Paul’s logic, it is possible to expose sin and keep it hidden at the same time (Eph. 5:11-12). “A good man is ashamed to speak that which many people are not ashamed to act” (Matthew Henry).

Some movies do not deserve sophisticated analysis. They deserve sober repudiation. If the church cannot extend grace to sexual sinners, we’ve lost the heart of the gospel. And if we cannot tell people to stay away from 50 Shades of Grey, we’ve lost our minds.”

Well said Kevin.

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