

From the editor

“SEX. SEX. IT’S ALL YOUNG PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED in nowadays. I don’t know what the world’s coming to.” The quote is from Monty Python’s *The Life of Brian*, released in 1979. Three decades on and things haven’t changed. Except maybe it’s not just young people. Oh, and now we’ve got the internet. So instead of just thinking about it, you can watch it—anytime, anywhere, anyhow that’s convenient.

It’s a cliché to say that we live in a sex-saturated society but it’s hard to know how else to describe it. And like it or not, it’s the world we live in as Christians. That’s why we’ve produced this MiniZine on the topic of pornography.

The three short articles you’re about to read are an invitation to treat God’s gift of sex with respect, and to be honest and open with each other as we struggle to honour Jesus with all of our heart, mind and body.

The first article looks at what pornography really is and at the harm it does, as well as suggesting how we can talk openly and honestly about sexual purity as God’s people. The second article reminds us that we belong to Jesus, who died and rose again for us, and that both our problem with pornography and the solution are essentially spiritual. The final article talks about what we can and can’t do with internet filters to help with the problem.

Of course, we can’t say everything there is to say. Our prayer is that this short magazine will help Christians talk together about the issue and encourage each other from God’s word. We hope, in other words, that it starts a conversation about living as redeemed, holy people in this world, to the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **PAUL GRIMMOND**

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