



MESSAGE/SERIES:

Restoration Series_ “Our Bodies for Worship”

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SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK:

(These verses will help you understand themes within as you read our core text as scripture proves scripture)

1 Corinthians 6:12-20, 1 Corinthians 10:23, Matthew 5:17-20 (Jesus Fulfilled the Law), Acts 2:24 (God raised Jesus), Ephesians 5:29-31 (One flesh), Romans 12:5 (One body in Christ), Genesis 2:24 (One Flesh) , John 17:21-23 (Jesus Glorified the Father), Ephesians 5:3, John 2:19-22 (Body as a Temple), Romans 8:11 (Spirit guarantee of future resurrection), Romans 6:14-15 (Grace has set us free), 1 Corinthians 9:19-21 (Freedom sacrificed for others), Galatians 5:1 (Stay free from Law), 1 John 3:24 (Obedience=Evidence of Spirit in us), Matthew 5:16 (Father seeks)

OPENING SCRIPTURE:

[1 Corinthians 6:12-20]

¹² “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³ “**Food** is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other.

The body is not meant for **sexual immorality**, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will

become one flesh.”¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.”

The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), 1 Co 6:12–20.

BACKGROUND & OTHER STUDY HELPS:

(v13-14) “‘Food for the stomach and the stomach for food’ was a typical Greek way of arguing by analogy that the body was for sex and sex for the body (cf. also the general use of the “stomach” metaphor in comment on Phil 3:19). That God would do away with both reflected the typical Greek disdain for the doctrine of the resurrection (chap. 15), because Greeks believed that one was done with one’s body at death. Paul responds to this Greek position with the Old Testament/Jewish perspective that the body is for God and he will resurrect it.”

Craig S. Keener, *The IVP Bible Background Commentary: New Testament* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1993), 1 Co 6:13–14.

(v6:15–16) “Here Paul argues from Genesis 2:24. Jewish interpreters normally applied this text to marriage, but because in Jewish law intercourse sealed a marriage union or betrayed it, Paul’s argument from Genesis 2:24 would make sense to Jewish readers or to Gentiles conversant with the Old Testament.”

Craig S. Keener, *The IVP Bible Background Commentary: New Testament* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1993), 1 Co 6:15–16.

(Prostitution in that day) “Prostitution was considered a business like any other, disreputable as the occupation was thought to be (for prostitutes, not for the men who had sex with them). It was readily available in inns and taverns, and the ranks of prostitutes were especially stocked with slave girls raised from the vast number of abandoned babies. Jews strongly opposed prostitution (although a few engaged in it), and Philo said that it was a capital offense in God’s sight; but this Jewish view was hardly the pagan position. Some pagans even considered prostitution a useful deterrent to adultery.”

Craig S. Keener, *The IVP Bible Background Commentary: New Testament* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1993), 1 Co 6:15–16.

(Prostitution) “While ancient Corinth was perhaps no more degenerate sexually than some of our own port cities, such as San Francisco or New Orleans, Corinth was widely known for its unrestrained sexual indulgence. The oft-repeated statement that “to

corinthianize” had become an equivalent in Greek for “to practice fornication” is probably correct.

Alan F. Johnson, *1 Corinthians*, vol. 7, The IVP New Testament Commentary Series (Westmont, IL: IVP Academic, 2004), 99

Summary= In the preceding background we see Paul is dealing with sexual immorality that was anything outside of marriage. It was common to utilize prostitutes and it was not seen as adultery as prostitutes were seen as a business and not emotion was attached to the act in many cases. They saw it as a way to preserve the marriage instead of sin (does not align with Paul’s teaching here)

OUTLINE:

Because we are the temple of the Lord, we must glorify God in our Bodies...

The Problem: Most of us live our lives giving ourselves to selfish desires even though we have proclaimed we have surrendered our bodies and our lives to His Spirit...

But Scripture tells us it’s because our bodies are the temple of the Lord that we must Glorify God in our bodies...

I. Because we are the Temple of the Lord, We must glorify God in our Bodies through CONTROL (v12-13)

A. (v12) “All things are lawful”= Permissible

1. Speaking to the law and in the context of this first verse the **dietary laws** (we are allowed to eat what we want without eternal issue)
2. But also in a **larger sense** there are things that are no longer sin and are now **Christian liberty**= God now allows these actions

B. (v12) “But not all things are helpful”

1. It may not be advantageous or helpful to me physically
2. May not be helpful to me spiritually
 - a) *Witness to the world*
 - b) *Function in the body*
 - c) *In intimacy with God*

C. (v12) “I will not be dominated by anything” (or mastered)

1. We have to have an awareness that anything can become sin in excess
 2. Anything can become our master and take us down sinful and enslaving paths
- D. (v13) "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"
(Corinthian saying)
1. It is thought this saying was said to grant freedom in the physical realm
 - a) *Possible rendering- We were made to eat so I can eat what I want and as much as I want*
 - b) *Possible rendering- (As a transitional statement) We were given freedom in sexual relationship so we can have sex with whom we choose, whenever, and how ever we choose*
- E. (v13) "God will destroy both one and the other"
1. *The liberties we enjoy such as the sexual relationship are temporary and will not be exercised in the new Jerusalem*
 2. *Our Glorified bodies will have no need for the sexual relationship*
 3. *Paul is saying we must focus on the eternal more than the temporary state even now*

II. **Because we are the Temple of the Lord, We must glorify God in our Bodies through CONSECRATION (v13-20)**

Consecration= is the dedication of the individual in personal devotion to the service and worship of Lord.

- A. (v13) "The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body."
- a. *God did not create our bodies for the abuses He calls out through scripture (Fornication, Adultery, Masterbation, Homosexual intercourse etc.)*
 - b. *The Body as well as the soul were created to worship the Lord (the present life in its totality)*
 - i. Spiritually
 - ii. Physically (as well as emotional and psychological)
- B. (v14) "God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power"

- a. *We have the assurance that because Jesus was raised by God's power we will be raised up as well*
 - b. *We will be raised up with physical bodies to worship Him with for all eternity*
- C. (v15) "Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?"
- a. *"Members"= part of the family of God*

D. (v15-16) "Shall I then take the **members of Christ** and **make them members of a prostitute?** Never!" "Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, **"The two will become one flesh."**

- a. *We are one with Christ and Wed to Him*
- b. *(We are also one with our brothers and sisters in Christ) The corporate affect of our sexual sins (our sexual sins affect the witness of the church as a whole)*
- c. *We affect the effectiveness of the body in ministry as we are not at our strength as we are being lead by sensual desires*
- d. *We as a church are attached to the sinful patterns of the members that go unrepentant and visible to the community*
- e. *(Sexual Bonding) Sexual sins bring the bonding of marriage*
 - i. *We are chemically drawn to that person in our thoughts*
 - ii. *We are chemically draw and attracted to that individual that is not our spouse*

= By falling to Sexual sins believers affect the The Holy Spirit and the church family as a whole as we are one in the body of Christ and we are created to serve together effectively

E. (v17) "But he who is **joined** to the Lord becomes **one spirit with him.**"

- a. *When we enter into a relationship with the Lord we are one with Him alone*
 - i. *John 17:22-23 "Perfectly one"*
 - ii. *One mission*
 - iii. *One desire (His)*
 - iv. *Perfect unity with God's Holy Spirit (within the capacity for us to understand this now)= A singleness in all areas of life/Aligns with God's plan*

1. We can grieve the Holy Spirit when we commit Sins and do not repent (Isaiah 63:10, Eph. 4:30)

F. (v18) **"Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body."**

- a. *"Flee" = is a command to run from the temptations as Joseph did with Potiphar's wife*
- b. *"Outside the body" = (Corinthian saying) sin occurs at different levels of affects*
 - i. Every sin affects us in some ways (always in our relationship with God/closeness/obstacles)
- c. *"Against his own (physical) body"*
 - i. Sexual sins affect the whole body of believers and also affects the physical body of the one who falls to it
 1. STD's (Aids etc.)
 2. Body malfunctions (Scientifically proven in unnatural sexual relationships)
 3. Mental pictures that persist
 4. Anxiety/fear associated with a serious sin
 - a. It's not the unforgivable sin/ but is a warning of the difficulties it causes
- d. (v19-20) **"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."**
 - i. *(Body as a Temple) The Holy Spirit comes into your life and into your physical body at the point of salvation to live and commune with the new creation (one spirit as we now unite with Him/participate in the life He would have us to live)*
 - ii. *"You are not your own" You do not have any right to be sexually active outside of marriage as it is not acceptable to God*
 1. You belong as a possession to the Holy Spirit (Bond Servant)

- iii. *“You were bought with a price”- we are not just His possession because He is God but due to the finished work of the cross (redemption)*
 - 1. We were purchased by the blood of Jesus (our whole being belongs to Him)

 - iv. *“So glorify Him in your body”- Let the light of Christ and the effects of redemption shine through you through*
 - 1. **Control** (surrender to His will and desires)
 - 2. **Consecration** (being set apart in all things willfully to the Lord)
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Church, Because our bodies are the temple of the Lord that we must Glorify God in our bodies...

-----Message from Pastor Michael-----

Church,

It is of utmost importance that we hear what the word is saying to us as the allurements of sexual sin is in the church today. No one is strong enough to abstain from this temptation alone, but we must be active in our devotion and faithfulness to our God and His Spirit to escape this damage. Sexual sin affects the whole body. Sexual sin has lasting effects on the physical body. Sexual sins have an effect on our psyche. In order for the church family to be a body and be restored to effectiveness we must repent of these sins and begin again to glorify our God in our bodies!

I love you dearly church family and I know God is preparing us for the coming battles. Be prepared to stand on these truths. Love the Lord with all of your heart, mind, and soul!

Love in Christ,
Pastor Michael

