

SEXUAL SIN IS UNIQUELY DESTRUCTIVE; RUN FROM IT AS FAST AS YOU CAN! VERSE 18

1 Corinthians 6:18

18 Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.

MY BODY'S PURPOSE IS TO BRING GLORY TO GOD, VERSES 19-20

19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor [glorify] God with your body.



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1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Week 9: My Body Belongs to God
1 Corinthians 6:9-20

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HONORING GOD WITH YOUR BODY BY LIVING IN SEXUAL PURITY

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 New Living Translation

18 Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. 19 Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, 20 for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

Your body is a lot more valuable to God than you think. The phrase "saving souls" misses the mark because a spirit/body dualism that places the spirit above the body is a Greek thought, not a Judeo-Christian idea. The whole person – body, soul, spirit – is valuable in God's eyes.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

23 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

2 Corinthians 7:1

Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

◆ Sexual purity - "when every aspect of your sexual life—whether in thought or action or feeling—is pleasing and honorable to God" -Miles McPherson

THE CLEANSING, SANCTIFYING, JUSTIFYING POWER OF JESUS CHRIST, VERSES 9-11

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

9 Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders 10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

- ◆ Followers of Christ do not live a lifestyle of sexual sin, nor other unrighteous practices. Do not be deceived!
- ◆ Rejoice and live the amazing transformed life of a Christian:
 - ◆ **Washed** – Jesus blood washes the filth of our sins away
 - ◆ **Sanctified** – We have been set apart for God’s Holy purposes
 - ◆ **Justified** – Jesus has taken away our guilt and given us His righteousness. In Him we stand justified (not guilty) before a God of Justice
- ◆ If you have fallen back into a sinful lifestyle, God is ready to restore you – you can live the life that Jesus died to make possible

1 John 1:9

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

GOD’S VIEW OF OUR BODIES –

NOT A MEANINGLESS BUNDLE OF APPETITES, VERSES 12-13

1 Corinthians 6:12-13

12 "Everything is permissible for me"-but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible for me"-but I will not be mastered by anything. 13 "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food"-but God will destroy them both. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

- ◆ Warning: Sexual sin gains control over those who indulge in it.
- ◆ The Corinthian philosophy – sexual appetites are no more significant than hunger for food. Feeding my appetites has no substantial consequence
- ◆ God’s view – Our bodies are profoundly important to Him
 - ◆ Our Sexual purity is profoundly important because our bodies are for the Lord Jesus, and He is for our bodies

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

3 It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid

sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, 5 not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; 6 and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. 7 For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. 8 Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit.

OUR BODIES ARE DESTINED TO BECOME IMMORTAL, VERSE 14

1 Corinthians 6:14

14 By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also.

Philippians 3:20-21

20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

1 Corinthians 15:42-42, 50-53

42 So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; 43 it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; 44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

50 I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 51 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— 52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 53 For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.

OUR BODIES ARE PART OF CHRIST HIMSELF, VERSES 15-17

1 Corinthians 6:15-17

15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! 16 Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." 17 But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

- ◆ My body is a part of Jesus. Knowing this, it is unthinkable that I would involve Jesus in my own sexual sin. “May it never be!” says Paul.
- ◆ When I gain God’s perspective of my body – it belongs to, and is Part of Jesus Christ the Lord – what I choose to do with my body becomes very significant