

## *Remember Who You Belong To!*

### *1 Corinthians 6:12-20*

*"This is the question of choice in a Christian's life: shall he [she] take that which is a member of Christ and give it to some unworthy use? Shall he [she] take his [her] body, the means through which God's will is to be done, and yield it to the immoral, sinful purpose of Satan? What will happen if he [she] does? He [she] becomes one body if he [she] is joined to that which is sinful. But if he [she] is joined to the Lord he [she] is one spirit.*

*Here is the issue from the moment of our birth until the moment when we meet God face to face: either the Spirit of God is to triumph and the life of the flesh die out, or that which is of sin and of the flesh will control us that the Spirit of God ceases to speak. That tremendously solemn alternative faces everyone. Everything is lawful for the child of God, but only under the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ. What He permits, I will do; what He refuses, I will reject. What His Word tells me is right, I will accept; what His Word tells me is wrong, I will refuse. This is the battleground where you and I fight every day." Redpath*

- I. All believers are called to live under the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ over our lives. Lordship means submitting to and surrendering to Christ's sovereignty over every aspect of our physical, mental and spiritual existence while here on earth. Most want to live partially under his Lordship, a pick and choose kind of mentality indicative of a fickle heart not fully committed to him. The challenge for all of us is to grow in our awareness of what Lordship means, and then to do what is necessary to submit to him out of love and appreciation for what salvation means for us.

Psalm 1

**Mark 12:30** *Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'*

- II. One particularly egregious area of compromise in the Corinthian church was in the area of sexual immorality (*porneia*). The reason for this centered on not caring that Jesus has called all believers to live a life of holiness before him and before the church. We are inseparably linked to Jesus – body, soul and spirit, which means that anything we do that violates the oneness of that relationship affects him directly.

1 Cor. 6:12-18

Col. 2:16-17

1 Cor. 15:51-53

*Since we belong to Jesus – body, soul, and spirit – we have no right to give any part of our self away to an “unauthorized” person. “By being joined to her [a prostitute] in porneia the believer constitutes someone else, outside of Christ, as the unlawful lord over one’s own body.” (Fee)*

- III. The command to flee, fly, bolt, run away, escape from sexual immorality tells us that the power of lust is not to be played with or entertained in any way. Satan will use whatever is necessary to get us to fall in this area. He does not care that it violates the temple of the Holy Spirit, and he doesn’t care that we were bought with the price of the blood of Christ. The question for those who call themselves believers, yet violate the command to flee sexual immorality, do you care enough to repent and turn from it.

1 Cor. 6:18-20

1 Peter 1:18-19

*“Glorify God in your body and the spiritual side will take care of itself.” Ironside*

**Titus 2:11-14** *11For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. 12It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13while we wait for the blessed hope-the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.*