

# DO WE REALLY HAVE THE RIGHT TO DO WHATEVER WE WANT WITH OUR BODY?

## 1 Corinthians 6:9-20

### I. God Determines Morality (9-10)

*<sup>9</sup> Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, <sup>10</sup> nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.*

### II. God Delivers Us From Immorality (11)

*<sup>11</sup> And such were some of you. 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.*

### III. God Guides Us With Principles (12-20)

#### 1. The Principle Of Spiritual Benefit: What I Want May Be Legal, But Not Beneficial For My Spiritual Life

*12a "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful.*

#### 2. The Principle Of Enslaving Addiction: What I Want May Be Legal, But May Become An Addiction That Controls My Life

*12b "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything.*

#### 3. The Principle Of Temporary Desires: Our Temporal Needs Are Lesser Than Our Eternal Purpose Of A Godward Life

*13a "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" — and God will destroy both one and the other.*

#### 4. The Principle Of A Sanctified Life: Our Body Belongs To God, Not To Ourselves (13b-14)

*13b 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*

- **God created sex for a purpose:**

- To Be Enjoyed With Our Spouse (Prov 5:18-19; SS 4:5,10; 7:1-9)
- To Enhance An Intimate Relationship (SS 5:16)
- To Express An Emotional Relationship (Gen 26:8)
- To Procreate Life (Gen 1:28)

#### 5. The Principle Of One Body: What We Do With Our Physical Body Affects The Greater Spiritual Body Of Christ

*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.*

#### 6. The Principle Of Sexual Immorality: Sex Within Marriage Is Holy, Outside Of Marriage It's Immoral

*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. (cf. Acts 15:20; Rom 13:13; 1 Cor 5:9; 6:18; 10:8; Eph 4:17-20; 5:3; Col 3:5; 2 Tim 2:22; Gen 39:12-13; Prov 22:3)*

## **7. The Principle Of Divine Ownership: Our Body Is Bought For, Owned By And Occupied By God**

*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. (cf. 1 Cor 3:16)*

### **Conclusion:**

- Our sin, including sexual sin, is why we don't deserve heaven.
- Our Savior saved and delivered us from all our sin.
- At the cross, Jesus not only paid for our salvation, but redeemed our body so we belong to Him.