

I Corinthians 6:9-12 Honor God With Your Body 2/2/2025

Two verse help me get grounded as a new believer. I Cor. 3:16 and a verse as part of our study today. I Cor. 6:19.

It helped me to see that God is never far away, but actually living in me. He calls me His dwelling place; His temple.

Paul wants to warn them about the dangers of immorality, but **first** He tells them they can no longer be like the world around them because of what Christ has done **for** them, and **inside** of them.

Secondly, He wants them to stop grieving the Holy Spirit who now lives in them.

He explains Christian freedom. He tells them Christian freedom is not license to sin and be like the world, but new power to overcome the corrosive effects of sin.

8 times He will use the word "body" in this passage.

The Christian's body and spirit must be in synch.

The Greeks had a different ideal about the spirit and body than that of the believer in Christ.

Greek idea: The body will perish, therefore it makes no difference what you do with the body. It simply carries the spirit of a person; the spirit is free from the body.

Christian idea: The body is the abiding home of the Holy Spirit. Your spirit is affected directly by what you do with your body. Your present body is to be in synch with God's holy purpose for you. Not only here, but when we get our glorified body.

Greeks felt sex is just like food, it does not affect the spirit of a person. Sex and food are just physical functions, they would say.

Text I Corinthians 6:9-20

6:9-11 Does not mean Christians are sinless, but their new life stands in bold contrast to the unbeliever who habitually does these thing as a lifestyle! The unbeliever is sold into sin and cannot get out of sin on his own.

6:12 Their rally cry was "freedom" as Christians, but it resulted in license to sin and not the holy liberty of being free from a slavery parading as freedom. He discusses this later, in detail, in chapter 8 through 10. **Galatians 5:1,13**

6:13-14 If Jesus was raised into a new glorified body, and we are to be raised in the same way, then it is important how we treat this body.

6:15-17 The act of sacred prostitution (fertility rites) in the temples of Aphrodite in Corinth was well-known. The Greek writer-philosopher Strabo said, "The temple of Aphrodite was so rich it owned 1000 temple-slaves, courtesans, whom both men and women had dedicated to the goddess." (Aphrodite was the goddess of beauty, fertility, and sexual love.)

Ex. Would you share your wife with other men? Of course not! Repulsive! In a much more magnified way it is unthinkable to join our bodies in sexual immorality, especially with a cult sex goddess because it is direct idol worship!

6: 18 Flee immorality! Don't wait and see if you can resist it; run!

Ex. "Pull a Joseph!" Genesis 39 He ran away so quick she could only grab his coat. When faced with the continued temptation of immorality he said, "How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?"

II Timothy 2: 20-22 This is how you get a new start against immorality. Confess, repent, surrender to God.

6:19-20 Remember the old song, "All of me?" well become a one-person-person. Give yourself to God, soul and body!