



SERMON NOTES

Sunday, February 5, 2023 | Pastor Scott Boerckel

Losing Our Arrogance about Sexual Immorality

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

1. The body is really important to God. (1 Corinthians 6:12-13)
2. God the Father has a keen interest in my body.
(1 Corinthians 6:13b-14)
3. God the Son shares a unity with my body.
(1 Corinthians 6:15-17)



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4. God the Holy Spirit indwells my body. (1 Corinthians 6:18-20)

Table Talk

- 1) Why does Paul choose not to participate in some activities, even though he would not sin in doing so? (1 Corinthians 6:12) Why is moderation an important principle for Paul? What kinds of appetites are there that affect our bodies that need to be moderated?
- 2) Some issues are not in the realm of Christian freedom. What one does Paul single out here? (1 Corinthians 6:13b) How do our bodies belong to God? (1 Corinthians 6:13-15) Why is the fact that our bodies belong to God important in deriving a healthy and biblical view of human sexuality? Why are believers reticent to discuss sex? Is Paul reticent to discuss sex? How can believers have significant and biblical conversations about sex, particularly with their children at the appropriate age?
- 3) What is wrong with sexual immorality, like visiting a prostitute? (NOTE: Paul gives three reasons—one in verse 13, one in verse 16, and one in verse 18) What is right about joining yourself to the Lord? (1 Corinthians 6:17) What does it mean to be “joined to the Lord”?
- 4) Why does Paul command us to flee immorality? (1 Corinthians 6:18) What are some specific ways that we can flee? How does Paul make God’s ownership of our bodies more specific in verse 19? Why are we not even the owners of our own bodies? (1 Corinthians 6:20)
- 5) How is the fact that we believers do not own our own bodies a challenge to current cultural thinking on the nature of the body? Evaluate this statement: “It’s my body; I can do with it whatever I want.” What does the integral connection between our current body and our resurrection body have to say about things like plastic surgery, self-inflicted injury, eating issues, tattoos and piercings, cremation, or drug and alcohol issues? (NOTE: There is no one answer to this last question—it’s just designed to get you to think about the fact that our current bodies are integrally related to our future resurrection bodies in some mysterious way.)
- 6) How is the Trinity engaged in the value of each believer’s body? What specific steps can you take to glorify God in your body?