

Christian Freedom & Sexual Bondage

1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (Part II)

- Christian freedom is a wonderful gift from the Lord (Gal 5:1,13)
- Corinthians taught this strongly, but were turning grace into license
- We are saved from sin, delivered from law, not to continue on in sin
- In 1 Cor 6:12-14 we saw three strong deterrents against sexual sin:
 - I. Sexual sin is damaging to everyone involved 6:12a
 - II. Sexual Sin Controls (6:12b)
 - III. Sexual Sin Perverts & Corrupts (6:13,14)
- Consider: 1 Cor 6:15-20 Paul's teaching on the body against sexual sin
- Paul gives two imperatives in our text
 - 1) Positive: vs. 20 "Glorify God in your body"
 - 2) Negative vs. 18 "Flee sexual immorality"
- Paul supports the two imperatives with a biblical theology of the body
 - I. Body: for serving Christ, His church now & age to come (13-14)**
 - Error of the Corinthians equating sexual sin with food for the body
 - II. Body & spirit: united to Christ in real spiritual union (15-17)**
 - Sexual sin violates their very real union with Christ and the church
 - III. Body belongs to & united to Christ comprised in a unique way (18)**
 - Sexual strikes at the core of a man, effects him physically & spiritually
 - IV. Body, a temple of the Holy Spirit, to serve God & the church (19)**
 - Holy Spirit dwells in us, we belong to God & are one with His people
 - V. Body, along with my Spirit, blood bought & belongs to Jesus (20)**
 - Jesus purchased us from sin & death with His blood (Eph 3:18,19)
 - Don't use your members to please yourselves, serve God & His people