

Administering The Lord's Supper, 1 Corinthians 6:20, I Belong to Jesus

1 Corinthians 6:20, "*you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.*"

Your body belongs to Jesus Christ, who purchased it by His death and resurrection. Jesus Christ lives in you by His Holy Spirit in your body.

Today, we eat this bread, which is Christ's body.

Today, we drink this cup, which is the new covenant in His blood. That means that drinking this cup is an action that renews your understanding of God's promise to you being fulfilled by Christ dwelling in you, by His Spirit.

By this eating and drinking, you are calling on the Lord for cleansing your soul, and more. You are trusting the God of all grace to cleanse and strengthen you both inside and out. That is, you are calling on the Lord to cleanse your body, so that right now and going forward, you may glorify God in your body.

There are sins that knock you down physically. The parts of your body are members of Christ. Your body is essential to your service to Christ.

Jesus rose from the dead bodily. In His body. That is how important your holy behavior in your body is to God.

Just a few verses earlier, in 1 Corinthians 6:14, we read, "*God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.*"

Add to that what Paul wrote in the second letter to the Corinthians in 5:10, "*...we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.*"

Your holy behavior in your body is important to God!

Back to 1 Corinthians, Paul concluded chapter six by writing, "*...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, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.*"

You do not have the final say or the authority over your body. Christ does.

You are united to Christ by faith. It is not a physical union. Christ is in heaven, in His body, and you are on earth, in your body. How can you be united to Christ? Because His Spirit, the Spirit of Christ, dwells in your body as a believer, like God inhabits a temple. Listen to verse 17, "*...he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him.*"

Following the death of Jesus, and His resurrection, ascension back to heaven, His coronation as our King, and His proper glorification, Jesus received a new relationship to the Holy Spirit. Jesus became the Spirit Giver! Jesus from heaven gives His Holy Spirit to each of us, so that our bodies are members of Christ and our bodies are temples of His Spirit.

Same with the bread and wine. This bread and this cup are here. But Jesus body and blood remain in heaven. But the ministry of His sacrament of His supper

is not separate from Christ. Christ Jesus uses this bread and cup as proof to us that we belong to Jesus, yes, our souls of course, but even our bodies. Your body belongs to Jesus, and He gave you this bread and this cup to symbolize Him giving you His Spirit! His flesh is not in the bread and is not consumed by you and enter into your body. Rather, Christ's Spirit is in your body, and that is symbolized by Christ giving you this bread to go into your body. Same with the cup. The blood of Jesus is not in this cup, and is not consumed by you and does not enter your body. Rather, Christ's Spirit is in your body, and that is symbolized by Christ giving you this cup to go into your body.

What does it all mean? It is a reminder that you are cleansed from sin, and it is a call to be holy.

One more time, I read the words of 1 Corinthians 6:20, "...*you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.*"