

Bought With a Price: Glorifying God With Your Body

1 Corinthians 6:12–20

Big Idea: If Christ has purchased us with His blood, then every part of our lives—including our bodies—belongs to Him.

1) Freedom That Serves Christ, Not Self (vss. 12–13a)

- *“Everything is permissible for me,’ but not everything is beneficial. ‘Everything is permissible for me,’ but I will not be mastered by anything.”* (1 Corinthians 6:12)
- *“For sin will not rule over you, because you are not under the law, but under grace.”* (Romans 6:14)
- *“For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.”* (Romans 10:4)
- *“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus, 2. because the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death.”* (Romans 8:1-2)
- **Freedom in Christ is not the freedom to do whatever we desire; it is the freedom to do what pleases our Lord.**
- *“Food is for the stomach and the stomach for food—and God will do away with both.”* (1 Corinthians 6:13)

2) The Body Belongs to the Lord (vss. 13b–14)

- *“The body is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.”* (1 Cor. 6:13-14)
- *“Not only that, but we ourselves who have the Spirit as the firstfruits—we also groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.”* (Romans 8:23)

3) Our Bodies Are United to Christ (vss. 15–17)

- *“Don’t you know that your bodies are a part of Christ’s body? So should I take a part of Christ’s body and make it a part of a prostitute? Absolutely not!”* (1 Corinthians 6:15)
- **Sexual sin is never merely physical. It is spiritual. It involves Christ because you belong to Him.**
- *“For Scripture says, ‘The two will become one flesh. But anyone joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.’”* (1 Corinthians 6:16-17)
- **Our deepest identity is not sexual; It is spiritual union with Christ.**

4) Flee What Destroys the Temple (v. 18)

- *“Flee sexual immorality!”* (1 Corinthians 6:18)

- *“Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the person who is sexually immoral sins against his own body.”* (1 Corinthians 6:18b)
- **Sexual sin uniquely damages the person because it distorts what God designed the body to be—a vessel for His glory.**

5) The Body Is the Temple of the Holy Spirit (vss. 19–20)

- *“Don’t you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought at a price.”* (1 Corinthians 6:19–20)
- **Grace does not mean autonomy. Grace means ownership.**
- *“So glorify God with your body.”* (1 Corinthians 6:20)
- **Because Christ died for your body, because Christ dwells in your body, and because Christ will raise your body, your body now exists for His glory.**

CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION

Observation:

- According to verses 13–14, what does Paul say the body is for, and how does the resurrection shape his argument?
- In verses 15–17, what strong imagery does Paul use to describe our union with Christ and the seriousness of sexual sin?
- What key truths about the believer’s body are stated in verses 18–20? (Look for words like temple, bought, price, and glorify.)

Understanding:

- Paul says Christian freedom must be guided by what is “beneficial” and what will not “master” us. How do these two questions challenge how we make everyday decisions?
- Why do you think our culture struggles so deeply with the idea that the body belongs to the Lord and not to ourselves?
- What does “fleeing sexual immorality” look like practically in a world saturated with temptation and normalization of sin?
- What does it mean to you personally that your body is a “temple of the Holy Spirit”? How might this truth reshape your habits, priorities, or boundaries?
- Paul grounds obedience in redemption: “You were bought at a price.” How does remembering the cost of Christ’s sacrifice motivate holiness rather than guilt or fear?

Loving Outward:

- Who do you need to share the gospel with this week?
- Who do you need to follow-up with regarding the gospel?
- Who are you bringing to church next Sunday?