

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:18-20

Sermon Title: You are not your own

You are not your own, you belong to God.

Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Or 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, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

“Or do you not know”

God confronts us to call us, He calls us from something towards something.

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Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
Isaiah 42:5

Behold, **all souls are mine**; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

Ezekiel 18:4

Where has God been excluded from the conversation?

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Who [He] gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people **for his own possession** who are zealous for good works.

Titus 2:14

When God looks at His people & says mine, it's with desire & a plan is His heart.

“Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for

my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.”
-Heidelberg Catechism. 1563

As I run back again to grace, I will resist living under the enslaving & exhausting illusion that I am my own.

“Q. *What is the chief end of man?*

A. Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.”

-Westminster Catechism. 1646/47

“...So glorify God in your body”

Magnify vs Beautify.

“All things are lawful,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful,” but not all things build up.²⁴ Let no one seek his own good, **but the good of his neighbor.** ...³¹So, **whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.**

1 Corinthians 10:23-31

Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart, for God has already approved what you do.

⁸ Let your garments be always white. Let not oil be lacking on your head.

⁹ Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that he has given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun. ¹⁰ Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going.

Ecclesiastes 9:7-10

“God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him.”

John Piper. Desiring God