

Subduing Sexual Sin

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

I. Intro

● Anecdote

• The Line

- When it comes to the subject of sexual sin - - I realize that this is an extremely controversial topic - which is sure to offend many.
- And while there are those who are quick to insist that the Christian position on sexual purity - is extremely unloving...
- ...it's important for us to realize that - everyone ends up drawing a line somewhere.
- That's right - everyone draws a line somewhere - between what sort of sex is acceptable - and what sort of sex is sinful.
- For example - there are many who belong to the Rainbow community who are quick to exclude pedophiles - necrophiles and PETophiles...
- ...while simultaneously accusing conservative Christians of being homophobic - and transphobic bigots...
- ...and for no other reason - than because - we've drawn a different line.
- Standard
- That being the case - we should take a moment to ask...
- ...IF it's unloving for Christians to identify heterosexual monogamy as the only acceptable form of sexual intercourse...

- ...THEN - isn't it also unloving for those who belong to the Rainbow community...
- ...to identify pedophiles - necrophiles - and PETophiles - as those who are engaging in sexual immorality?
- And IF there's nothing wrong with identifying pedophiles - necrophiles and PETophiles - as sexual perverts who must be stopped...
- ...then - what is the basis for believing that it's wrong to identify those in the LBBTQIAplus community - in the same way.
- And in order to sum it up with simplicity - we should ask - what is the right standard - for drawing this dividing line?

II. Outline

● Points

- With this question in mind - I should take a moment to point out that - our Creator is the One Who has the authority...
- ...to define the dividing line - that separates sexual purity - - and sexual immorality.
- And it's for this reason that we should look to God's word - so that we can identify - - and subdue every sexual sin.
- With this as our goal - we're going to spend our time today - considering what the Bible says - about Subduing Sexual Sin.
- And as we make our way through the text before us today - we'll begin to see that...
 1. ...we're able to Subdue Sexual Sin through Conviction
 2. ...we're able to Subdue Sexual Sin through Communion
 3. ...we're able to Subdue Sexual Sin through Connection

- With this as our outline - let's open our Bibles to 1st Corinthians chapter 6...
- ...where we find Paul - once again addressing the issue of sexual immorality.

III. Conviction

● Context

- As we make our way to the sixth chapter of 1st Corinthians - I wanna take a moment to put our text - back into it's context.
- I should begin by reminding you that - Paul first raised the issue of sexual immorality in chapter 5...
- ...when he addressed the reports about the believer who was engaging in adultery with his father's wife.
- It's for this reason that he encouraged the Christians in Corinth - to cast that backslidden believer - out of the church.
- Not only that - but - it was in the previous paragraph - where Paul also assured the original recipients of this epistle...
- ...that the unbelievers - who will not repent of their sexual immorality will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- Now - here in our text today - we find Paul - helping his audience to understand how to overcome sexual sin.
- With this as our focus - let's pick up our study of 1st Corinthians - beginning there at verse 12 - where Paul declared...

● Text

1Co 6:12 All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

1Co 6:13 Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

1Co 6:14 And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.

1Co 6:15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not!

1Co 6:16 Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.”

1Co 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

1Co 6:18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

1Co 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

1Co 6:20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

- Sexual Sin
- Here in our text today - we find Paul - addressing the sins that belong to the category of sexual immorality.
- Now - the term - sexual immorality - which is found there in verse 13 and again in verse 18...
- ...was translated from the Greek word - porneia - which refers to every form of illicit sexual intercourse.
- And for the sake of clarity - illicit sexual intercourse refers to every form of sexual activity...
- ...which takes place - beyond of the bonds of holy matrimony that God defined in the Garden of Eden.
- ...when He joined together one biological man - with one biological woman - in a life long covenant with each other.

- What this means is that every other form of sexual intercourse is a shameful sin - in the eyes of God.

- List

- With this in mind - let's take a moment to consider the list of sexual sins that Paul presented in the previous paragraph.
- Look with me - there at verse 9 - where Paul asked...

1Co 6:9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites...

- Now - I should take a moment to remind you that - it was in our study last week - when we learned that...
 - ...the Greek word rendered - fornicators - was used of those who engage in unlawful sexual intercourse - whether for pleasure - or financial gain.
 - The Greek word rendered - adulterer - was used of those who engage in sexual intercourse - with someone other than their spouse.
 - The Greek word rendered - homosexual - was used of the effeminate man - in a same-sex relationship.
 - And the Greek word rendered - sodomite - was used of the man who was the dominant partner - in the same-sex relationship.
- More
 - As we consider this context from the previous paragraph - there should be no doubt that...
 - ...the Greek word which was rendered - sexual immorality - most certainly includes - fornication - adultery - homosexuality - and sodomy.
 - Not only that - but - the same Greek word was also used of other sexual sins - like lesbianism - incest - pederasty - bestiality - and necrophilia.

- I should also remind you that - the Greek word - rendered - sexual immorality - is the basis for our English word - pornography.
- And what this means is that - those who spend time - lusting after the pornographic content found in various media platforms...
 - ...are filling their minds with sexually immoral desires - that are sinful in the eyes of God.
 - And it's for this reason that Paul challenged those - who were attempting to justify their sexual sins.
- Lawful
 - With this as our focus - let's consider how Paul addressed those - who were insisting that believers have been set free from the condemnation of the law.
 - Look with me again - beginning there at verse 12 - where Paul declared...

1Co 6:12 All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.
 - As we take another look at this verse - it's important for us to understand that...
 - ...Paul wasn't suggesting that our liberty in the Lord - is a legal license to sin.
 - No - instead - he was actually addressing the argument that some of the Christians in Corinth were apparently using...
 - ...as they used the grace of God - as a basis for believing that they were free to engage in sexual immorality.
 - And it's for this reason that the beginning of verse 12 - is found in quotations - in the NET, NLT, ESV, NIV, and CSB.
- Quotations

- I like the way that the scholars who created the New Living Translation rendered the beginning of verse 12 - they put it like this...

1Co 6:12 You say, "I am allowed to do anything"—but not everything is good for you.

- Here in this version of the Bible - we can see how Paul was addressing the arguments of those who were insisting that...
 - ...the born-again believer is able to do anything - because - we are no longer under the law.
 - And while it's true that there is now - NO condemnation for those who trust in Jesus Christ...
 - ...it's also true that the grace of God isn't a green light - for believers to live for the lusts of the flesh.
 - And it's for this reason that Paul reminded the Christians in Corinth that our liberty is not a license to sin.
- Food/Stomach
 - Not only that - but - he also addressed those who were insisting that their sexual immorality was natural - and normal.
 - Let's consider how he put it - there in the beginning of verse 13 - where he declared...

1Co 6:13a Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them.

- Much like those who were attempting to justify their sexual immorality - by insisting that we are no longer under the law...
 - ...there were also those who were seemed to've believed that - their sexual activities...

- ...were as natural - and normal - as the person who consumes food - in order to satisfy their hunger.
- And while it's true that hunger is a natural driver that fills us with the desire to eat food...
- ...it's also true that the natural desire for sex - does NOT give us the freedom - to engage in sexual immorality.
- Body/Sex
 - Let's consider how Paul put it - there in verse 13 - where he declared...

1Co 6:13 Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.
 - Without debate - the stomach was created to process food - - and food was created to be processed in the stomach.
 - At the same time - it would be incorrect for us to think that the primary purpose of the body - is sexual intercourse.
 - Not only that - but - the person who thinks that their sex drive justifies the decision to engage in sexual immorality...
 - ...is failing to realize that - the primary purpose of our bodies - is to worship God - as we serve our Lord - and Savior - Jesus.
 - And it's for this reason that every Christian should live according to this conviction.
- Raised
 - With this as our goal - let's consider the way that Paul put it - here in our text today - look with me beginning there at verse 13 - where he declared...

1Co 6:13 Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

1Co 6:14 And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.

- Here in this verse - we find Paul - encouraging the Christians in Corinth - to shift their attention from the temporal - to the eternal.
- And while it's natural for us to focus on temporal appetites - like culinary delights - and sexual desires...
- ...it's crucial for Christians to keep these carnal cravings in-check - by developing the spiritual convictions...
- ...that will help us crucify the flesh - with its passions and desires.

● Application

- Crucify
- Let's consider how Paul put it - in Galatians chapter 5 - it's beginning at verse 19 - where he declared...

Gal 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

Gal 5:20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

Gal 5:21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Gal 5:23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Gal 5:24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

- As we consider the point that Paul was making - there should be no doubt that...

- ...every Christian has been called to crucify the flesh with its passions and desires - according to the convictions of the Holy Spirit.
- This includes the spiritual conviction that leads us to realize that - every form of sexual immorality is sin...
- ...which should be subdued - by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- And knowing that we will continue to be enticed by these depraved desires...
- ...it's crucial for Christians to walk in the power of the Spirit - so that we won't fulfill the lusts of the flesh.

● Transition

• Points

- Now - this brings us to our second point - because listen...
- 1. ...we not only Subdue Sexual Sin - through the Conviction of the Holy Spirit...
- 2. ...but - we also Subdue Sexual Sin through our Communion with Christ Jesus...
 - With this as our focus - let's continue to consider the point that Paul was making - here in our text today.
 - Look with me again - there at 1st Corinthians chapter 6 - beginning there at verse 15 - where Paul asked...

IV. Communion

● Text

1Co 6:15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not!

1Co 6:16 Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.”

1Co 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

- Members
 - Here in these verses - we find Paul - helping the Christians in Corinth to realize that...
 - ...the body of every believer has become a member in the mystical body of Jesus Christ.
 - Now - this is not to suggest that we should all wear Members Only jackets.
 - No - instead - those who trust in Jesus - have become members of His mystical body - which is better known as the universal church.
 - And much like our physical bodies - - the mystical body of Christ has many members...
 - ...which should function together - for the benefit of the whole body.
- Function
 - Let's consider how Paul put it in Romans chapter 12 - it's beginning at verse 4 - where he declared...

Rom 12:4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function,

Rom 12:5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

- According to Paul - the universal church - which is made up of every believer on the Earth - is the mystical body of Christ.
- And while it's true that every believer has become a member of this mystical body...

- ...it's also true that every Christian is called to become a functioning member of a local church...
- ...so that every member can do its share - so the whole body can be edified by our communion with Christ Jesus.
- And with this as the goal - it's crucial for Christians to realize how sexual sin will have a negative effect on the body of Christ.

- Harlot

- Let's consider again how Paul explained it here in 1st Corinthians chapter 6 look with me again - beginning there at verse 15 - where he asked...

1Co 6:15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not!

1Co 6:16a Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her?

- Now - I wanna stop right here - so that we can consider these questions that Paul presented to the Christians in Corinth.
- Paul presented these rhetorical questions - in order to help his audience to understand that...
- ...the Christian who continues engaging in sexual sin is simultaneously joining the body of Christ - with a harlot.
- And just to be clear - the word - harlot - found there in verses 15 and 16 - was translated from a Greek word...
- ...which was used of the woman - who indulges in unlawful sexual intercourse - whether for gain or for lust.
- One Flesh
- Paul elaborated on this issue - as he described the way that sex was designed to create an immaterial bond.

- Let's consider how he put it - there in verse 16 - where he asked...

1Co 6:16 ...do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh."

- Here in the second half of this verse - we find Paul - reminding those who read this epistle...
 - ...about the way in which the husband and wife become one flesh - in the marital relationship.
 - He was actually quoting the instructions that Moses presented in Genesis chapter 2 - where he declared...
 - "...a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife - and they shall become one flesh."
 - In other words - there's a special Communion that takes place - in the context of the marital relationship.
- Jesus
 - Let's consider how the Lord Jesus explained this to a group of Pharisees - who came to Him with a question about divorce.
 - It's in Matthew chapter 19 - beginning at verse 4 - where Jesus answered them - by declaring...

Mat 19:4 "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,'

Mat 19:5 "and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?"

Mat 19:6 "So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

- Here in these verses - we find the Lord Jesus - helping his audience to understand that...

- ...the marital relationship is a lifelong covenant - between one biological man - and one biological woman.
- And as the husband and wife are joined together - according to the covenant that they make before the Lord...
- ...the consummation of the marriage creates an emotional attachment to their spouse...
 - ...as the two individuals become one flesh - according to the hormonal bond that takes place - in sexual intimacy.
- Body Count
 - You might not know this - but - sexual intercourse creates an emotional attachment - which isn't easily broken.
 - As a matter of fact - it's during sexual intercourse - when huge outpouring of dopamine is released into our brains.
 - As a result - the couple experiences an emotional bond - which causes them to feel attached to each other.
 - At the same time - it's also important for us to realize that - those who have multiple sexual partners...
 - ...are actually weakening their ability to maintain a marital relationship.
 - As a matter of fact - there are studies that have shown how those who have a high body count before marriage...
 - “...are more likely to divorce their spouse - because they actually weaken the pathways that are necessary to attach at the deep and necessary emotional level important for marriage.
 - It's for this reason that I refer to dating - as divorce training - because - that's what it is.
- Joined

- With that being the case - Paul encouraged the Christians in Corinth to subdue their sexual sins - by maintaining our communion with Christ.
- Let's consider how he explained it - here in 1st Corinthians chapter 6 - look with me there at verse 17 - where he declared...

1Co 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

- Rather than joining the mystical body of Christ with a harlot - by engaging in the sin of sexual immorality...
- ...Christians should subdue their sexually immoral desires - by maintaining our communion with Christ Jesus.
- And with this as the goal - Paul encouraged the Christians in Corinth to remember that...
- ...every born again believer has been spiritually joined together with the Lord Jesus.
- That being the case - we will do well to maintain our communion with Christ - as we submit our lives - to His Lordship.

● Application

- Seek
- Let's consider how Paul put it - in Colossians chapter 3 - it's beginning at verse 1 - where he declared...

Col 3:1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

Col 3:2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

Col 3:3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Col 3:4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Col 3:5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

Col 3:6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,

Col 3:7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

- Rather than seeking something to satisfy your sexual desires....
- ...Paul encouraged every born-again believer to seek those things which are above - where Christ is - sitting at the right hand of God.
- And while those who fix their focus on their fleshly desires - will stumble into the sexual sins that so easily ensnare us...
- ...those who set their minds on our communion with Christ Jesus...
- ...will receive the spiritual strength we need - to subdue the sexual sins - that bring us back into the bondage of our fallen flesh.

● Transition

• Points

- Now - this brings us to our third and final point - because listen...
- 1. ...we not only Subdue Sexual Sin - through the Conviction of the Holy Spirit...
- 2. ...and - we not only Subdue Sexual Sin through our Communion with Christ Jesus...
- 3. ...but - we also Subdue Sexual Sin through our Connection with God.
- With this as our focus - let's continue to consider the challenge that Paul presented - here in our text today.
- Let's turn our attention back to 1st Corinthians chapter 6 - look with me beginning there at verse 18 - where Paul declared...

V. Connection

● Text

1Co 6:18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.
1Co 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?
1Co 6:20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

• Flee

- Here in these verses - we find Paul - encouraging the Christians in Corinth to flee from sexual immorality.
- That word - flee - was translated from a Greek word - which was used of those who make haste to avoid something abhorrent.
 - The same Greek word was also used of those who rush to escape a dangerous situation.
- And as we consider how Paul encouraged every Christian to flee from sexual immorality...
- ...it's important for us to realize that the passing pleasure of this the seductive sin - is actually abhorrent in the eyes of God.
- And not only that - but - those who are wise will make haste - to escape this dangerous desire.

• Joseph

- This reminds me of the way that Jacob's son Joseph - fled from the seduction of Potiphar's wife.
- With this as our focus - let's consider the situation that Moses described - in the book of Genesis.

- Hold your place here in 1st Corinthians - and let's turn in our Bibles - to Genesis chapter 39.
- And as we make our way to the 39th chapter of 1st Corinthians - I should take a moment to point out that...
 - ...it was after his brothers sold him into slavery - when the Lord exalted Joseph to a place of prominence - there in the land of Egypt.
 - And it was there in the house of an Egyptian officer named Potiphar...
 - ...where Joseph received a sexual proposition - from Potiphar's wife.
- Seduction
- With this context in mind - let's consider Moses' account - found here in Genesis 39 - look with me beginning there at verse 7 -where we learn that...

Gen 39:7 ...it came to pass after these things that his master's wife cast longing eyes on Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me."

Gen 39:8 But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand.

Gen 39:9 "There is no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"

Gen 39:10 So it was, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not heed her, to lie with her or to be with her.

Gen 39:11 But it happened about this time, when Joseph went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the house was inside,

Gen 39:12 that she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me." But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside.

- Here in these verses - we find Moses - describing the day when the wife of an Egyptian ruler - tried to seduce Jacob's son - Joseph.

- And while it's true that Joseph was tempted to engage in the passing pleasure of this sexual sin...
- ...it's also true that he was quick to flee from this sinful seduction - and the reason why was because...
- ...Joseph understood that this would be a sin - against the God Who placed him in his position of power.
- And it's for this reason that he made haste to escape from that seductive situation.

- Self

- And while it's true that sexual immorality is a sin against God - it's also true that sexual immorality is also a sin against our own bodies.
- With this as our focus - let's turn back to 1st Corinthians chapter 6 - and let's consider how Paul put it - there in verse 18 - where he declared...

1Co 6:18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

- Here in the second half of this verse - we find Paul - helping his audience to understand that...
- ...those who engage in sexual immorality - are not only sinning against God - - but - they're also sinning against their own bodies.
- This not only includes a weakened ability to create an emotional connection with their future spouse...
- ...but - this also includes the dangerous risk of contracting a sexually transmitted disease - which could result in life-long consequences.
- And then there's the connection between sexual sins - and the degradation of life.

- Stats

- For example - those who engage in sexual sins are more likely to suffer from mental health issues...
- ...which often times manifest as suicidal thoughts and tendencies.
- Not only that - but - the women who abort their baby - in order to deal with an unplanned pregnancy...
- ...are simultaneously running the risk of suffering physical affects of the abortion - which could keep them from future pregnancies.
- Not only that - but - many post abortive women suffer psychological affects that can plague them for the rest of their lives.
- To sum it up with simplicity - those who pursue the passing pleasure of sexual sin...
 - ...are simultaneously sinning against their own bodies - as the suffer from the degradation of their depraved lifestyle.
- Temple
 - Not only that - but - the Christian who engages in sexual sins - is destroying the temple of the Holy Spirit.
 - Let's consider how Paul put it - there in verse 19 - where he declared...

1Co 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

1Co 6:20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.
 - According to Paul - the body of the born-again believer has become the temple of the Holy Spirit.
 - What this means is that - the Spirit of the Living God has taken up residence within us.

- And while it's true that the Spirit of God is dwelling within the bodies of this who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ...
- ...it's also true that - we've been purchased with the precious blood of our Savior.
- And it's for this reason that Paul assured the Christians there in Corinth - that they belonged to the Lord.

- Purchased

- I like the way that the apostle Peter explained it - in 1st Peter chapter 1 - it's beginning at verse 18 - where he declared...

1Pe 1:18 ...you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,
 1Pe 1:19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

- In other words - it was at the moment of our conversion to Christ - when we were redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ.
- And it was at that same moment in time - when the born-again believer becomes the purchased possession of our God.
- As a result - our bodies become the Temple of the Holy Spirit - Who dwells within us.
- In this way - we enter into a covenantal connection with God the Father - through faith in Jesus Christ - by the power of the Spirit.
- And it's for this reason that Paul commanded every Christian to glorify God - with the way we live our lives.

- Glorify

- With this as our goal - those who want to glorify God should remember that the Holy Spirit is dwelling within our bodies.

- When we eat breakfast - the Spirit of God is dwelling within us - and when doom scroll social media - the Spirit of God is dwelling within us.
- When we we go to work - the Spirit of God is dwelling within us - and when we go on vacation - the Spirit of God is dwelling within us.
- And listen - the Spirit of God is not only dwelling within us - when we go to church...
 - ...but - the Holy Spirit is also dwelling within the Christian - who engages in sexual sin.
 - And with that being the case - Paul encouraged us to stop grieving the indwelling Spirit of God.
- Grieve
 - As a matter of fact - it's in Ephesians 4 - verse 30 - where he declared...
 Eph 4:30 ...do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
 - Christian - listen - we've been sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise - until the day when we are completely redeemed.
 - In other words - the Holy Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.
 - And while we can rejoice in knowing that it's impossible to break this spiritual seal...
 - ...it's also important for us to realize that - the Christian who engages in sexual sin - is grieving the Holy Spirit.
 - And listen - the Christian who continues to grieve the Holy Spirit - will eventually experience the loving correction of the Lord.
- Chasten

- I'll remind you - it's in Hebrews 12 - verse 6 - where Paul declared...

Heb 12:6 For whom the LORD loves He chastens,
And scourges every son whom He receives."

- That's right - - the Lord chastens His adopted children - - so that we might receive the loving correction we need.
- And you better believe that the Christian who continues to pursue the passing pleasure of sexual sin...
 - ...will eventually receive the loving correction we need - to abstain from the sins that so easily ensnare us.
 - It's for this reason that we should rejoice in knowing that the Spirit of God dwells within us...
 - ...because - it's through this connection with God - that we receive the correction that we need - to subdue our sexual sins.

● Application

- Escape
 - Not only that - but it's through our connection with God - that the Lord helps us to flee from sexual sin.
 - Let's consider how Paul explains this - in 1st Corinthians chapter 10 - it's beginning at verse 12 - where he declared...

1Co 10:12 ...let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

1Co 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

- Christian - listen - no matter the temptation that is before us - - our God has prepared a way for us to flee from the temptation.

- And listen - it our connection with the indwelling Spirit of God - Who also provides us with the power we need...
- ...so that we can exercise the self-control that is necessary - for subduing every depraved desire.
- And with that being the case - I encourage every Christian to seek the power of the Holy Spirit...
- ...so that we can flee from the sexual immorality - that so easily ensnares us.

VI. Conclusion

● Wrap up

• Points

- Now - as we begin to wrap up this study - it's my prayer that we might all realize that...
- ...Christians have been called to subdue the depraved desires - that lead us into a life of sexual immorality.
- And with this as the goal - I encourage you to remember that...
 1. ...we are able to Subdue Sexual Sin - through the Conviction of the Holy Spirit.
 - And as we walk in the power of the Holy Spirit - we are able to crucify the flesh - with its passions and desires.
 2. ...we are also able to Subdue Sexual Sin through our Communion with Christ Jesus.
 - And as we seek those things which are above - where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God...

- ...our Communion with Christ will provide us with the wisdom we need - to abstain from sexual immorality.

3. ...and finally - we Subdue Sexual Sin through our Connection with the Spirit of God Who dwells within us.

- And as we learn how to rely on our connection with the indwelling Spirit of God...
- ...we can rejoice in knowing that He will provide us with a way to escape temptation of sexual immorality...
- ...so that we can become those believers - who are Subduing every sexual sin.