

1 CORINTHIANS:

God's Glorious Church in Real Life

Sermon Title: "Bought with a Price for the Glory of God"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (Part 2)

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INTRODUCTION (and quick review from last week)

John 3:16; Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:10; John 15:13; 1 John 4:19

Note: God's love (as seen in His redemptive work on our behalf) not only calls out our love but it should serve as the basis and motivation for our words, actions, and worship of Him!

BIG IDEA: Moral imperatives always grow out of redemptive indicatives.

"You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."

SLOGAN #1: "All things are lawful for me!"

Answer (1) ...but not all things are helpful!

Answer (2) ...but I will not be dominated by or enslaved to anything!

SLOGAN #2: "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food!"

Answer (1) This temporal, earthly life will not last; God's judgment will one day come!

Answer (2) Your body has been created for the glory of God and He will one day resurrect you!

"And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power." (1 Corinthians 6:14)

Note: If you're in Christ, Jesus is always with you; His Spirit lives in you; you're never alone!

1 Corinthians 6:15; 1 Corinthians 6:19; John 16:7

Note: What you do with your body is NOT just your own business!

1 Corinthians 6:18; Proverbs 5:3-8; Proverbs 7:21-23

I. LIVING FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AS A TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

“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, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.”

1) Because of the Holy Spirit dwelling in you, you are a temple of the living God!

Note: Paul uses “body” and “temple” in the singular to explain that each individual believer is a temple of the Holy Spirit and yet the word order in the Greek puts the emphasis on the Holy Spirit.

Note: The Greek word that Paul uses here for “temple” does not refer to the general temple complex but to the temple itself, to the place containing the Holy of Holies.

2) Your body doesn’t ultimately belong to you; it’s been entrusted to you!

3) You have been bought BY Jesus FOR God’s glory!

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)

If we’re being honest, we know the temptation and danger of...

...grieving the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:29-32).

...losing the joy of our salvation (Psalm 51:10-13).

...teaching a false message about God to those around us (Psalm 16:1-2, 11).

Summary: Continually go back to the glorious redemptive indicatives (what Jesus has done for you!) and see, know, and show that God is more precious to you than anything else!

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. “Moral imperatives grow out of redemptive indicatives.” What does that mean?
2. How do we know that God cares about what we do with/in our bodies? What has God done? What has God promised to one day do?
3. What’s the danger of being a tour guide at the Grand Canyon? How can we fall prey to a similar danger? What’s the solution to this danger?
4. Who does your body truly belong to? How should this affect the decisions we make?
5. What are some ways we can glorify God with our bodies (verse 20)? What are some specific things we should avoid that do not glorify God but rather grieve the Spirit of God?