

“Flee Sexual Immorality!”

I Corinthians 6:12-20

The Body will be Raised (vs. 12-14)... In this passage Paul argued that Christians must flee from prostitution as well as every other form of sexual immorality. He argued this because there were some in Corinth who presumed the right to alleviate their sexual desires with a prostitute. They reasoned that it was merely a bodily need they were meeting and that the body had nothing to do with their spirituality. Paul defended the body as a crucial part of the Christian’s spirituality based upon the fact that our bodies will be raised to live forever just as Jesus’ body was raised.

The Body is a Temple (vs. 15-19a)... In these verses Paul describes a very mysterious union between God and the Christian. He refers to it as being “members of Christ,” “joined with the Lord,” “one spirit with Him,” and “a temple of the Holy Spirit.” We have a very literal union with God that is incompatible with an immoral union to a prostitute.

The Body is Not Your Own (vs. 19b-20)...

Finally, Paul argues for sexual purity upon the fact that the Christian’s body does not belong to him, rather it belongs to God who purchased it with the blood of Jesus Christ.

Questions for Discussion:

1. What are some practical ways that God has taught you to “flee” from sexual immorality?
2. How is the Christian’s union with Christ similar to the union of husband and wife in marriage?
3. Have you ever considered that your body does not belong to you? Why is this important?
4. Besides sexual purity, what other ways is God calling you to honor Him with your body?