

GLORIFY GOD IN YOUR BODY

1 Corinthians 6:9-20 (NKJV) ⁹Do 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,
nor thieves,
nor covetous,
nor drunkards,
nor revilers,
nor extortioners

will inherit the kingdom of God.

And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

¹²All 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. ¹³Foods 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. ¹⁴And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.

¹⁵Do 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!

¹⁶Or 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*." ~~£~~ ¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit *with Him*.

¹⁸Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or 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? **²⁰For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your ~~£~~body and in your spirit, which are God's.**

Hope you've read the full passage from Corinthians.

The pity of today is that Christians do not have the discipline or the time to sit and read God's word.

Most of us are satisfied by the pacifist preachings that we hear on television or elsewhere.

We are always caressed when we commit a sin and say the grace will abound more when we sin more.

I really wonder whether we ever want to read passages like above, which are very much part of God's word.

We feel justified by some message by some feel good preacher, but would our lives stand up to the scrutiny of God's word?

Can we take our lives and measure it against the words of Paul.

Paul straight as an arrow, divides clearly what you can do and what you cannot do.

He says, it is lawful or permissible for us to do these things, but one day all that will be destroyed. Stomach for food and food for stomach.

What Paul meant here is the carnal appetites of humans. Food and sex. They are not sinful by themselves, but when the borders are transgressed then it is.

That is why he speaks about prostitution. That clearly is a transgression.

The clear point of Paul is

1. If you are a Christian who believes in being born again, then your body is not yours.
2. Yes it is lawful to satisfy and live for carnal appetites, but when you have been washed by the Blood of Christ, your body is not yours to claim.
3. So what right do you have to join your body with a sexual partner who is not your covenant partner? ie. Your wife or husband.

Further questions extended from Paul's discourse :

4. Can you allow your spirit to be raped by watching pornography?
5. Remember Jesus said, that when you look at a person lustfully you have already committed adultery. Is it possible to be neutral when you watch all these?

Paul very clearly writes that our body is not ours anymore but the Lord's. We are only stewards of our body.

So if we speak of ourselves as born again Christians, can we justify our unbridled carnality?

Paul says a stout no.

There is much for you to think.

Where are you right now?

Do you know your body and spirit has been purchased?

Purchased by the Lamb that was slain before the foundations of this world!

Go back to this fountain filled with the Blood drawn from the Lamb of God and be released of all the addictions of the body and spirit.