

# 10 – FREEDOM & SEXUAL SIN (1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20)

### I. The Issue of Freedom (1 Corinthians 6:12-14)

#### A. The First Justification (1 Corinthians 6:12a)

- Paul expresses that all things are lawful for him as a believer in Jesus Christ.

#### B. Paul's Response (1 Corinthians 6:12b)

- Paul points out that while there is liberty, it is not necessarily beneficial.
- He also expresses that he will not be dominated by anything.
- The implication is that our freedoms will lead to a form of slavery.

#### C. The Second Justification (1 Corinthians 6:13a)

- The Corinthians felt that sex was a natural human response like eating food.

#### D. Paul's Second Response (1 Corinthians 6:13b-14)

- Paul points out that our bodies are not meant for sexual immorality.
- Rather, our bodies belong to the Lord and he is meant for us.
- God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will also raise believers from the dead.

### II. The Evil of Sexual Sin (1 Corinthians 6:15-20a)

#### A. The Problem (1 Corinthians 6:15)

- Believers are members of Christ and they are joining their members to a prostitute.
- Paul makes the point that believers cannot engage in sexual sin without any effect.

#### B. The Spiritual Reality (1 Corinthians 6:16)

- Paul explains that a believer joins to a prostitute spiritually as they become one flesh.

#### C. Our Spiritual Link (1 Corinthians 6:17)

- Believers are spiritually linked or joined to Jesus Christ.

#### D. The Exhortation (1 Corinthians 6:18a)

- Paul commands believers to flee from sexual sin.

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## E. The Nature of Sexual Sin (1 Corinthians 6:18b)

- Sexual sin is a personal sin against the believer who engages in it.

Scripture      Proverbs 6:29-33

<sup>29</sup> So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; none who touches her will go unpunished. <sup>30</sup> People do not despise a thief if he steals to satisfy his appetite when he is hungry, <sup>31</sup> but if he is caught, he will pay sevenfold; he will give all the goods of his house. <sup>32</sup> He who commits adultery lacks sense; he who does it destroys himself. <sup>33</sup> He will get wounds and dishonor, and his disgrace will not be wiped away.

## F. The Nature of Our Bodies (1 Corinthians 6:19-20a)

- Paul reminds them that the believer is a dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.
- Because of this reality, the believer's body is not their own.

## III. The Imperative (1 Corinthians 6:20b)

- Because they were purchased with the price of Christ, they must glorify God with their bodies.