



Title: Glorify God in your bodies (First Corinthians #15)

Text: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

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1. Our bodies are meant for God. (v.12-14)

1.1 The Corinthian culture:

- Saw sex like hunger, as a mere physiological urge to be satisfied.

1.2 Our bodies are valuable

- How we live, what we do with our bodies, matters.

1.3 The body is not meant for sexual immorality.

- What is sexual immorality? All sexual contact outside of marriage.

1.4 God is for our joy—in Him!

- Psalm 16:11
- “If there lurks in most modern minds the notion that to desire our own good and earnestly to hope for the enjoyment of it is a bad thing, I submit that this notion has crept in from Kant and the Stoics and is no part of the Christian faith. Indeed, if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that our Lord finds our desires, not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.” –C.S Lewis (The Weight of Glory, p. 26)

2. Our bodies are united with Christ. (v.15-17)

3. Flee for your own good. (v.18)

4. Our bodies were bought by Jesus. (v.19-20a)

4.1 Understanding the Gospel

- 2 Corinthians 5:17;21
- Romans 6

4.2 You are not your own. We don't own our bodies, God does.

- "Oh, no single piece of our mental world is to be hermetically sealed off from the rest, and there is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry: 'Mine!'" --Abraham Kuyper

5. We should glorify God with our bodies. (20b)

Some Pastoral thoughts:

1. God delights in restoring sexually broken and sinful people.
2. You are not strong enough on your own.
3. Don't trust in your own wisdom.
4. Fight with a grace-filled fierceness and the pursuit of joy.

"I know not what you may have been in your past life – it matters nothing. You may have broken every commandment under heaven; you may have sinned with a high hand against light and knowledge; you may have despised a father's warnings and a mother's tears; you may have run greedily into every excess of riot, and plunged into every kind of abominable behavior – you may have turned your back entirely on God, His day, His house, His ministers, His word. I say again it matters nothing. Do you feel your sins? Are you sick of them? Are you ashamed of them? Are you weary of them? Then come to Christ just as you are, and Christ's blood shall make you clean." - J.C. Ryle