

KEY VERSE OF
WEEK 5

"Don't you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought at a price, So glorify God with your body."
1 Corinthians 6:19-20

CONTEXT

This week, as we study in chapter 6, Paul addresses two particular hot topics. In the first part of the chapter, Paul lays out for The Corinthian church that the way they have publicly been handling legal battles and lawsuits outside of the church is not what Christ followers should do. We are brothers and sisters in Christ, and so the way we go about working through a fight should look different than the way an person who doesn't know Jesus would handle a legal dispute. He moves to discussing that what we do with our bodies sexually is connected to our relationship with Jesus. See the church at Corinth was having an identity crisis. They were forgetting that their savior, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for them and rose again on the third day now resides in them as through the Holy Spirit. Paul is reminding them that what they do with their body...with their lives...cannot be separated from The One who took up residency in their heart.

Paul uses the phrase, "Don't you know?", five times in this chapter. Try and see if you can find the five uses of that question.

Paul uses that question to call attention to the church and tell them that the way they live their life is their testimony of The Christ they say they follow.

I have heard the following lyrics from an old song that go like this:

*lyrics from "You're the only Jesus" by David Will

'Cause you're the only Jesus
Some will ever see
And you're the only Words of Life
Some will ever read
So let them see in you the One in whom
Is all they'll ever need
'Cause you're the only Jesus
Some will ever see"

Paul was addressing the way the Corinthians were seeking justice for themselves and the way they were seeking pleasure for themselves because they were acting as if they ruled themselves. Paul was telling them that they were to look different than all the other "selves" in Corinth because they served The Lord and He is lives within them. Our lives as Christ followers are tethered to Him. People should know what Jesus is like by looking at us.

You can see this playing out in our culture today. The way Christians are fighting on social media networks is unfortunately destroying opportunities for people to share about The God that loves them because they aren't putting that love on display.

We all have areas that The Holy Spirit will convict us to surrender to Jesus so we look more like Him and less like us. We can all be hot messes. The thing is, we don't want to stay a hot mess in those areas. We may stray away from Him, but we need to remember that Jesus is who we represent as we walk out the door and into the world.

Praying for you, Sis!

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**"WHAT WE DO WITH OUR BODY MATTERS
BECAUSE OF WHO WE REPRESENT"**

1 CORINTHIANS 6

IN VERSE 1-11, PAUL REMINDS THE CHURCH THAT THEIR IDENTITY IN CHRIST CAME BEFORE THEIR IDENTITY AS A CITIZEN OF CORINTH . HOW SHOULD YOUR CHRISTIAN IDENTITY DIRECT YOUR ACTIONS IN OUR CULTURE?

HOW HAS OUR CULTURE NORMALIZED SEXUAL IMMORALITY? WHY DO YOU THINK FLEEING FROM OUR PRESENT CULTURE WOULD HELP KEEP THE BODY OF CHRIST UNIFIED? WHAT IN OUR CULTURE IS TEMPTING CHRISTIANS TO FORGET THEIR IDENTITY AND FALL INTO IMPURITY?

THE WORD IMMORALITY COMES FROM THE WORD "PORNEIA" WHICH INCLUDES MANY SINS OF THE FLESH. ARE YOU CURRENTLY FLIRTING WITH ANY KIND OF IMMORALITY? DO YOU HAVE SAFEGUARDS IN YOUR LIFE TO PROTECT YOU FROM FALLING INTO TEMPTATION AND TO PROTECT YOUR PURITY?

HOW DOES THE WAY THAT GOD VIEWS OUR BODY DIFFER FROM THE WAY AMERICAN AND CORINTHIAN CULTURE VIEWS IT? LOOK AT VERSES 13 AND 17.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR YOUR BODY TO BE CONNECTED TO CHRIST AND A LITERAL "TEMPLE" FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT?

PRAY

Before you start to read the chapter of the week, ask The Lord to help you read His Word today. Ask Him to teach you today. Ask Him to see things in your own life you can't see. Ask Him to help you take what you read and apply it.

READ

What verses are you reading from today? _____

What version of the bible are you reading it in today? (Try reading it in 3 different translations. Circle the translations you are reading it in below.)

Formal Translations:

"word for word" translation

New American Standard
English Standard Version
Holman Christian Standard
Revised Standard Version
New RSV

Functional Translations:

"Thought for thought"

New International Version
New American Bible
Revised English Bible
Good News Bible
New Living Translation

Free Translations:

"A Paraphrase"

New English Bible
Living Bible
The Message

IN YOUR OWN WORDS

Write out what is happening in the verses you read. Put it in your own words.

APPLY

Reflect on what you just read, and walk through these questions with Jesus.

Is there a sin I need to confess to Him and ask Him to forgive me?

Is there a truth that I need to believe today?

Is there a promise that I need to hear and hold on to today?

Is there something I need to ask The Lord to help me live differently because of what I just read?

QUESTIONS

What questions came up when you read the verses today? Were there words or customs that you didn't understand? Write those out. Those are important to not just pass over. Those are some of the ways He calls your attention to something you need to pay attention to in your own life.

PRAY/JOURNAL

Take some time to pray/journal after your time of reading. Ask God to change your heart so that you look more and more like Him and less and less like the world. Ask Him to break your heart for what breaks His heart. Ask Him to help you focus on Him and less on what is all around you.