**Bought at a Price**

*1 Corinthians 6:19-20*

**Introduction**

1. The apostle Paul did not sit idly by while Christians continued in sin. **He felt obligated to rebuke.**
2. **1 Corinthians 6:9-11** – The truth about unrighteousness – do not be deceived.
   1. **(v. 11)** – Yet, you were washed, sanctified, and justified.
   2. **You should not revert to this lifestyle.**
3. Sexual immorality in particular was a problem in Corinth. Such was a most grievous sin.
   1. **(v. 18)** – Sins against own body to a degree that can be said of no other sin. Why? 🡪
   2. **(vv. 13b-17)** – The body is for the Lord, but to commit sexual immorality is to join your body as one with a harlot. (*Body and spirit are meant to be one with the Lord.*)
   3. **Cf. 1 Corinthians 7:4** – In committing fornication, you take what belongs to the Lord (your body), and give it over to a harlot.
   4. **Thus, sexual immorality is the greatest assault against the body to its core purpose.**
4. **1 Corinthians 6:19-20** – A Christian’s body belongs to the Lord, and is not meant to be used to sin. Certainly not for fornication.
5. **We must understand the truths expressed by the apostle in verses 19-20 in order to be pleasing to God. 🡪**
6. The Fact – *“You were bought at a price”*
7. From Slavery
   1. **Romans 3:23; 6:16, 20, 23** – All have sinned, and are slaves of sin and death.
   2. **Paul describing a life without Christ (*himself under the Old Law before salvation in Christ*):**
      1. **Romans 7:13-15** – The Law was direction for righteous living, but men succumbed to temptation and sinned.
         1. **V. 15** – ***“For what I am doing [accomplishing], I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do [produce].”***
         2. One who sins **does not fully comprehend the damage he causes** – what he accomplishes/produces – sold under sin, or death.
      2. **Romans 7:21-24** – There is the desire to produce that which is good, but an inability because of sin’s dominion – slave to sin and death.
         1. **V. 21** – ***“I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do [produce] good.”***
         2. **(v. 24)** – The only deliverance from this – slavery to sin and death – is in Christ. 🡪
8. To Redemption
   1. Christ paid the price to redeem us from slavery to sin.
   2. **Romans 6:23** – eternal life in Christ Jesus.
   3. **Acts 20:28** – Paul to Ephesian elders – Jesus’ blood purchased the church.
   4. ***“the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28)***.
   5. ***The price that He paid for our freedom from sin and death was no small thing 🡪***
   6. **1 Peter 1:18-19** – The purchase was not made with corruptible things, but the PRECIOUS blood of Christ.
   7. **The fact that Christ PURCHASED us comes with a LOGICAL CONSEQUENCE 🡪**
9. The Consequence – *“You are not your own”*
10. Negative – *“You are not your own”*
    1. **You do not have ownership, thus no authority over yourself.**
    2. Not our own to guide – **Jeremiah 10:23**.
    3. ***“For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish” (Galatians 5:17)***.
    4. **Romans 6:1-2** – Certainly not – You were purchased, and do not have the right to dictate what you will do, i.e. continue in sin.
       1. **Romans 6:17, 18, 22** – We do not belong to ourselves – we are slaves.
       2. **It is not up to us to decide what we will do, or not do.**
    5. **Someone will say, “It’s my body, I can do with it what I want,” but the Christian does not own himself! 🡪**
11. Positive – *“Your body and…your spirit…are God’s”*
    1. We ***“[have] become slaves of God” (Romans 6:22).***
    2. **Titus 2:13-14** – We were redeemed, and belong to Christ – ***“HIS OWN special PEOPLE”***
    3. **Acts 2:36** – Jesus was made both LORD and Christ.
    4. ***“But why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say?” (Luke 6:46***)
    5. *Before, we were slaves to sin, doing Satan’s bidding.* ***Now, we are slaves to God, and must do His bidding.*** *🡪*
12. The Conclusion – *“Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s”*
13. ***“Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God” (1 Corinthians 10:31).***
    1. **This rule is all encompassing – even in matters of liberty, the question must be asked, “does this bring God glory?”**
    2. **1 Corinthians 10:23-24, 32-33** – Concerning the eating of meats.
       1. Such was a liberty, but would not be to the glory of God if it caused another to stumble.
       2. **DO NOT eat if it is to the opposite of glorifying God.**
    3. *That which is not authorized by God, or abused (liberty) does not glorify God. That which is authorized by God, and used in a godly way brings glory to Him.*
14. Glorify God
    1. **Romans 12:1-2** – ***“Therefore,”*** this is the proper and ***“reasonable”*** response to the redemptive work of Christ.
       1. ***“For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen” (Romans 11:36).***
       2. All things are to His glory, and this especially includes His redeemed children!
    2. **2 Corinthians 5:13-15** – He died that we might no longer live for ourselves, but FOR HIM.
    3. **1 Peter 2:4-5** – He purchased us, and is building us into a spiritual house, to offer spiritual sacrifices to Him! (**This is our purpose. This is how we use our bodies – in service to Him.**)
    4. **Ephesians 2:10** – We are created for good works, i.e. HIS WORKS.
    5. **Hebrews 13:20-21** – Conclusion of the Hebrew letter – may God make you complete to do HIS WILL.

**Conclusion**

1. As Christians, we must understand that we belong to God, and are not our own.
2. **We exist to do God’s will, and to glorify Him.**
3. We must remember the high cost of our salvation – the blood of Christ – and we must live accordingly as His ***“purchased possession, to the praise of His glory” (Ephesians 1:14).***