

1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
Series – United in Grace  
Message – The Beauty of Sexual Holiness  
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### The Situation

- 1 Corinthians 6:12-13a
- “I have the right to do anything!”
- They took that cultural value of “I have the right to do anything” and Christianized it by applying \_\_\_\_\_ theology.
- Pragmatic Argument – not everything is beneficial
- Spiritual Argument – some things can master us
- Paul needed to explain the “why” behind the instructions

### The Body Matters

- 1 Corinthians 6:13b-14
  - Body – the \_\_\_\_\_ human self
  - You don’t have a body; you \_\_\_\_\_ a body.
  - “Paul cites the bodily resurrection of Jesus as an emphatic affirmation of embodiment and so underlines the importance of what believers do with their bodies” (Larry Hurtado, *Destroyer of the Gods*, p.163).
1. The body matters; therefore, \_\_\_\_\_ we do in our bodies matters.

### Competing Unions

- 1 Corinthians 6:15-17
- “Take” – take away by \_\_\_\_\_; to wrench away, or rip apart from
- Two “Do you not know’s”...
- Biblically, marriage is \_\_\_\_\_ as being between one man and one woman for life.

2. Sex is more than just physical, and sexual sin \_\_\_\_\_ at our spiritual union with Christ.

### Sin Against Yourself

- 1 Corinthians 6:18
  - Sexual sin has identity-shaping \_\_\_\_\_ because it involves the whole person in the most intimate physical interaction given to human beings by God.
3. Sexual sin is \_\_\_\_\_ to the self in ways we can’t fully comprehend.

### New Ownership

- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
4. In Christ, you \_\_\_\_\_ to a God who loves you, paid a lot to get you, desires the best for you, and guides you toward that best by the Spirit who lives within you.

**How will you respond to God’s word today?**

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### Reflection Questions

1. Read the text aloud as a group. Go around the circle and have every person share what stood out to them in the passage. Discuss.
2. Of the four foundational points of Christian sexual ethics, what stood out to you and why?
3. Where was the resonance for you in the sermon, and where were the rubs?
4. If you’re married, share how you have sensed the blessing, wisdom, and goodness of God through the sexual boundaries articulated in scripture.
5. How might God be getting your attention?
6. What might God be saying to you?
7. What are you going to do about it?