



When Your Body Is A Temple **1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20 —ESV).

Jesus told His disciples that if they loved Him, they would keep His commandments. He also promised that He would ask the Father to give them the Spirit of Truth, who was abiding *within* them and who would soon abide *within* them (John 14:15-17). The Holy Spirit was abiding with them, because Jesus was filled with the Spirit who was with them as they talked and walked together on the roads of Judea. The Holy Spirit would soon abide (remain) *within* them as the Spirit had abided *within* Jesus, but only after Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross and resurrection, which made His remaining *within* them possible. So His disciples would recognize the Spirit of Truth in power when He filled them and remained on the Day of Pentecost, Jesus "breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'" (John 20:22). Only Jesus' death and resurrection "guaranteed" their forgiveness of sin and cleansing from sin, and the Holy Spirit's remaining within them. On the Day of Pentecost, Peter preached that Jesus' promise was for "everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him" (see Acts 2:38-39). In his letters, Paul explained more about the power and purpose of the Holy Spirit. He stated clearly that the bodies of the Christians in Corinth (and indeed the bodies of all Christians) are temples of the Holy Spirit; therefore, Christians should obey and glorify God with their bodies. Unhappily, some of the Christians in Corinth (just as some Christians today) had fallen into the sinful ways of their predominant culture. Paul warned that because Christians are united to the Lord and have become one spirit with Jesus, they should not be using their bodies contrary to the teaching of the Scriptures and the commandments of Jesus. God gave bodies to His people so He could fill them with the Holy Spirit as their daily Guide. By His death and resurrection, Jesus made our forgiveness by God both just and merciful.