

THE CHRISTIAN VIEW OF THE BODY

1 Corinthians 6:15-18

The view of the ancient _____ in regard to the body has returned in twisted 21st century ways:

- 1) If your body is male, but you feel like a female, change your name and _____ your body
- 2) Ignore your body & live your life as an avatar in virtual _____ or an online profile of your making

The truth that must control how Christians determine to use our bodies is our relationship to _____

I. AN IMPLIED SYLLOGISM (Deductive reasoning in 3 parts) 6:15-16

A. Major Premise: Your Bodies Are _____ of Christ 6:15a

- 1) The word “member” means _____ and conjures up a picture of the literal body of Jesus
- 2) Paul is saying this isn’t just a spiritual reality; it is physical: my _____ is a body part of Jesus Christ

B. Minor Premise: He Who Is Joined to a _____ Is One Body with Her 6:16

- 1) Paul speaks of sex with a prostitute, but the truth applies to any person who is not my _____
- 2) Paul describes illicit sex with the verb “joined” which means to permanently _____ together
- 3) Paul teaches that the one-flesh relationship can be constituted by illicit sex not just _____

C. Conclusion: Sexual Immorality Takes the Members of Christ and Makes Them Members of a _____

- 1) This conclusion is verbal 2X4 intended to make a genuine believer cry out, “May it _____ be!”
- 2) When I use any part of my body to sin _____ is somehow joined w/ me in that moment, in that act

II. AN ADDED DIMENSION 6:17

When our bodies are involved, our spirits are as well; when our spirits are involved, our bodies are as well

A. Our Union with Christ Is _____ as Well as Bodily

- 1) In fact, normally when Paul describes our union with Christ, it is a _____ reality, not physical
- 2) What is described in Rom.6/Eph.2 is a spiritual reality we do not experience in a _____ way

B. What Happens in Our _____ Affects Our Bodies

We have an example in David after his sin with Bathsheba (Psalm 32 & 38): his spiritual condition in unrepentant sin left him in physical pain, depression, bodily weakness and overall poor _____

C. What Happens in Our _____ Affects Our Spirits

When we unite our bodies in sexual immorality it has emotional, psychological and _____ effects

III. A CONCLUDING COMMANDMENT 6:18

A. Vv.12-17 lead us to a single conclusion, the 1st imperative in this paragraph: _____ Sexual Immorality
As opposed to other spiritual challenges that we face, we are not to stand or battle; we must _____

B. There is little doubt Paul had the OT story of _____ in mind when he issued this final command
Joseph’s story points up the fact that this command is present tense: Flee and keep on _____

C. Paul tacks on a final _____ to flee sexual sin at the end of v.18, but it is very difficult to understand
Even when we don’t fully understand the Scriptural reason, we must accept it by _____ and obey