

SUNDAY SERMON

Hidden Hills SG Baptist Church

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Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:9-20

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Subject: Glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's

1Co 6:9-12 (KJV) Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. 12 All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

1. **The unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God** – and such were some of you; but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

a. **Such were some of you** –

b. **We all** - in time past walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

c. **We all** – in time past had this manner of life. Among those who walked according to the course of this present world - we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh,

fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

d. **But ye are washed** – Aorist, middle, indicative. It happened at a single point in time. You and I who believe were washed in Jesus Christ's own blood from our sins.

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i. **We are sanctified** – made saints; set apart from this world and unto God at the time we were washed.

ii. **We are justified** – declared just legally by the Father of lights. So who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth! (Ro. 8:33)

iii. **We are sanctified and justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. We were passive – dead in sins, but He quickened us; gave us repentance of our sins; and faith in Jesus Christ all by the Holy Spirit.

e. **Being washed (born of the Spirit), a once for all experience, we are set from from condemnation** – God's word is this to us: "Their sins and iniquities will I remember no more!" Praise God! Therefore >

i. **All things are lawful to me** – I am set free from the curse of the law to grow in grace. I have passed from death unto life. Concerning meats (food) and drink, they are for the belly.

ii. **But all things are not expedient**: *all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any*

1. In other words, I am free to choose for myself how I will do; but all things (which I may choose) are not expedient: What does that mean? All things are not profitable, good, or better as the word is otherwise translated.
2. The apostle said what all of us ought to say: All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. None of those things which I may choose to do shall have power over my life to dominate me and bring me into bondage.

1Co 6:13 (KJV) Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body.

The apostle changes his address from food and drink to fornication.

Ro 14:17-18 (KJV) *For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. 18 For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.*

“Now the body is not for fornication.” Fornication comes from the Greek word “porneo” from which we get the English word Pornography. It means any kind of sexual sin. The body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. *We were bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s (6:20).*

Shall you and I, having been washed, fall back to be fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, effeminate, abusers of ourselves with mankind, thieves, covetous, drunkards, revilers or extortioners? God forbid!

1Co 6:14 (KJV) And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.

It will be an honor to our bodies that they will be raised. Let us not abuse our bodies by sin, and make them vile, which, if they be kept pure, shall, notwithstanding their present vileness, be made like to *Christ's glorious body*. The hope of a resurrection to glory should restrain you and I from dishonoring our bodies by fleshly lusts.

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1Co 6:15-16 (KJV) Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. **16** What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

Our bodies are the members of Christ. How so? Because he bought us – spirit, soul, and body by his death on the cross? Shall we then take our does, the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? A fallen woman who seeks to make merchandise of us? God forbid! May it not be! Don't we know that when we are joined to an harlot, we are one body with her? For two, saith the Lord, shall be one flesh. Therefore, we are made one flesh by carnal knowledge which was ordained to be only in the marriage relationship.

How shall we in so close a union with Christ as to be one spirit with him yet be so united to a harlot as to become one flesh with her? Is not this a vile attempt to make a union between Christ and harlots? And can a greater dishonor be offered to him or ourselves? Can any thing be more inconsistent with our profession or relation? The sin of fornication is a great injury in a Christian to his head and lord, and a great reproach and blot on his profession. It is no wonder therefore that the apostle should say, "[Flee fornication \(1Co 6:18\)](#), avoid it, keep out of the reach of temptations to it, and its objects which provoke to it.

1Co 6:17 (KJV) *But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.*

Our union with Christ is a spiritual one. It is complete and perfect; It cannot be dissolved. Because we are one spirit, God's chosen ones come to have and enjoy the same spirit in measure, which Christ their head and Mediator has without measure. Therefore, we have the Spirit of God, the earnest of our redemption until the resurrection; the spirit of adoption whereby we cry Abba, Father; the we have the seal of our salvation in that spirit which indwells us.

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1Co 6:18 (KJV) *Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.*

Flee fornication! Get up and get you out from it! Run from it! It cannot be withstood while standing near it!

Pr 7:4-5 (KJV) Say unto wisdom, Thou *art* my sister; and call understanding *thy* kinswoman: **5** That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words.

Pr 7:24-27 (KJV) *Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth. 25 Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths. 26 For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her. 27 Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.*

Pr 6:20-35 (KJV) *My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: 21 Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. 22 When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee. 23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is*

*light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life: **24** To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman. **25** Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids. **26** For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life. **27** Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? **28** Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned? **29** So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent. **30** Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry; **31** But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house. **32** But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul. **33** A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away. **34** For jealousy is the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance. **35** He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.*

As Joseph did when Potiphar's wife laid hold on him – he left his coat and ran away – far from the great temptation! Joseph knew, as we know, that when we fall into fornication, we sin against our own body!

Heb 13:4 (KJV) *Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.*

1Co 6:19-20 (KJV) *What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? **20** For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*

What? This is a word that claims attention? What are you thinking? Don't you know? Assuredly, we all do know! "*know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*" We belong to God – spirit, soul, and body! He created us and he bought us with his own blood!

2Co 5:15 (KJV) *And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.*

Brothers and sisters, we are not our own! Dare we take the bodies which belong to Christ and cause it to be a whoremonger, a drunkard, and idolator – or a host of other unspeakable sins? We are not our own! No. For we are bought with a price! What was that price? Was it not the blood of the impeccable Christ Jesus who offered himself without spot for our sins? Was not the iniquities of us all laid on Him? Is it not that he was wounded for our transgressions? Bruised for our iniquity? And the chastisement of our peace was upon Him? Did He not pay it all – to the uttermost farthing? We were bought! He owns us! He is our Lord and Savior! He is our life! He is our hope! He is our consolation! He is our all in all!

1Co 6:20 (KJV) *For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*

He made both our bodies and our spirit, he bought both, and therefore both belong to him and should be used and employed for him. Therefore, our bodies should not be defiled, alienated from him, and prostituted by us. No, our bodies must needs be kept as vessels fitted for our Master's use.

Let us look upon our whole selves as holy (separated from the world and) to the Lord, and use our bodies as property which belongs to him and is sacred to his use and service. We are to honour *him with our bodies and spirits, which are his*; and therefore, must abstain from fornication; and not only from the outward act, but from the *adultery of the heart*, as our Lord calls it, [Mt 5:28](#). Body and spirit are to be kept clean, that God may be honoured by both.

2Co 7:1 (KJV) *Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us **cleanse ourselves** from **all filthiness of the flesh and spirit**, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*

But God is dishonored when either our body or our spirit is defiled by so beastly a sin. Therefore flee fornication, nay, and every sin. Use your bodies for the glory and service of their Lord and Maker. Beloved, choose your acquaintances carefully. Go not near those who rest not until they have caused you to fall into the sin which they love and commit - and not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do those things. We are not proprietors of ourselves. No, let us get self out of the way. Our life is not us – but Christ. You and I have no power over ourselves, and therefore should not use ourselves according to our own pleasure, but according to his will, and for his glory, *whose we are, and whom we should serve*.

Brethren, we are in the race of life which ends when we see our savior face to face. Until that glorious day, let us run our race with patience – subduing our passions through the Spirit.

Heb 12:1-4 (KJV) *Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, **2** Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. **3** For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. **4** Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.*

It is true that while we run this race, striving for the mastery – trying to be temperate in all things, we are beset daily with our own fallen nature which plagues us. We cannot do what we would perfectly, but we can walk acceptably bringing honor to his name. We can and should buffet our bodies and bring them into subjection. We can, through the spirit, mortify the deeds of our body.

1Co 9:24-27 (KJV) *Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. **25** And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. **26** I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: **27** But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.*

Let us remember daily, as we go about our daily life, that in spite of the oppositions of our flesh, of the devil, and of the wicked, we are

more than conquerors through him who loved us and gave himself for us. We are His and He is ours. All things are ours – and we can overcome through the blood of the lamb.

**We will overcome through the blood of the Lamb;
We will overcome through the blood of the Lamb.
Through his grace, through His power,
We can face the darkest hour.
We will overcome through the blood of the Lamb.**

**Through our God, we shall do valiantly,
For He it is who shall tread down the enemy;
We'll sing and shout the victory:
Christ is King!**

**For God has won the victory
And set His people free,
His word has slain the enemy,
The earth shall stand and see
That through our God we shall do valiantly,
...Christ is King!!!**

All of us who believe on Him – the Lord Jesus Christ – are the sons of God and have eternal life. We are washed from our sins in His own blood. We have been “cut out of the herd” by his sovereign election of grace and have been made unto our God kings and priests. O, brothers and sisters, we are the “vessels of honor, afore prepared unto glory!” We are a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people. We are the Lord’s inheritance? Let us not take our spirits and bodies, which are His, and shame His holy name!

To God be the glory, great things he hath done;

**So loved he the world, that he gave us His son;
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin;
And opened the Lifegae that all may go in!**

**Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!**