

## **Outline: “Whose Body Is Ours?” 1 Corinthians 6:12–20**

Worship Service, August 24, 2025

### **Introduction) The importance of both heart and body**

- People often say, “The heart is what matters” (in praise, offering, testimony, evangelism, etc.)
- The Bible also emphasizes the importance of the heart (1 Sam. 16:7, the widow’s offering, Jesus’ teaching)
- Yet, “The heart matters, so the body doesn’t” is not true
- Today’s theme: How should we use our bodies before God?

### **Background) The situation in the Corinthian church**

- The fourth problem of the church: sexual sin
- Background: Corinth was a city of idolatry and sexual immorality, with temple prostitutes
- Some believers also fell into sexual sin

### **1) Our bodies belong to the Lord (God) (6:12–14)**

- Misunderstanding: “Since we are saved, everything is permitted”
- Truth: Forgiveness is not freedom to live by desires, but freedom from desires to serve the Lord
- “All things are permitted” = not all things are beneficial
  - “Beneficial” = producing good together (Greek: sympherei)
- The body is not for satisfying desires but for the Lord
- By the work of resurrection, we live as new beings for the Lord

### **2) Our bodies are members of Christ (6:15–18)**

- The whole church is the body of Christ; we are each members of it
- Sexual union = becoming one with another person
- To unite with a prostitute is to defile Christ’s body
- Fellowship with the Lord = becoming one spirit with Him

- Not merely prayer or Bible reading, but using the body to fulfill His will
- Therefore: “Flee from sexual immorality” (6:18)

### **3) Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit (6:19–20)**

- “Temple” = *naos* = the Holy of Holies (the most sacred place)
- The Holy Spirit dwells in our bodies
- No longer our own, but His possession
- Redeemed at the price of Christ’s life
- Therefore, our mission: glorify God with our bodies

### **Conclusion) Whose body is ours?**

1. Belongs to the Lord — used not for desires, but for God
2. Part of Christ’s body — used not for prostitutes, but to be one with the Lord
3. Temple of the Spirit — redeemed at a price, to glorify God

### **Application / Response**

- Reflect on how we use our bodies. Repent if needed.
- This week, pray for the Spirit’s guidance and write down specific ways to use your body for God’s glory.