

Your Body Is A Temple Of The Holy Spirit

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1Corinthians 6:1-20

“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)

Introduction

A few weeks ago we were reading from this letter one of the key truths of the Gospel: *through the redemption and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God prepared the way for you and I who believe to become the temple of the Holy Spirit both as individuals and as the Church.* Who or what makes someone become a temple of the Holy Spirit? As God was pleased to fully dwell in Christ (Col 1:19), so He is pleased to fully dwell in you and I through the Holy Spirit. Let's consider the significance of each one of us being a temple.

1. We should live by the Spirit of wisdom and truth dwells within us. (vv.1-8)

a) Let's reconsider our relationships with other believers by the fact that we are temples.

b) We must incarnate the Gospel by the Word, the Spirit and our community.

2. Wherever we go, whatever we do, we take Christ with us. (vv.9-18)

a) The concern here is not so much what we were, but what we have become.

b) We have become one with God through His Spirit that dwells within us.

3. Do you recognize that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit? (vv.19-20)

a) We have been marked as belonging to God by the Holy Spirit.

b) God redeemed our lives from death with the blood of Jesus Christ.

For our prayerful study, discussion and application:

1) Read verses 9-11. What is the significance of being indwelt by the Holy Spirit here?

2) Read verses 12-18. What kinds of judgment are believers supposed to be making here?

3) Read verses 19-20. What is the reason that Paul gives for holy and righteous living?

Conclusion

God has given us His Spirit to complete the work of sanctification He began with the Cross and our faith in Jesus Christ, and so He might live both within and among us.

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