

***Good Morning***  
*and*  
***Welcome to Genesis the Church!***



***Let's Begin by Dismissing Our Kids to Their  
Kid's Quest Areas of Ministry!***

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***Text:***

***1 Corinthians 6:9-20!***

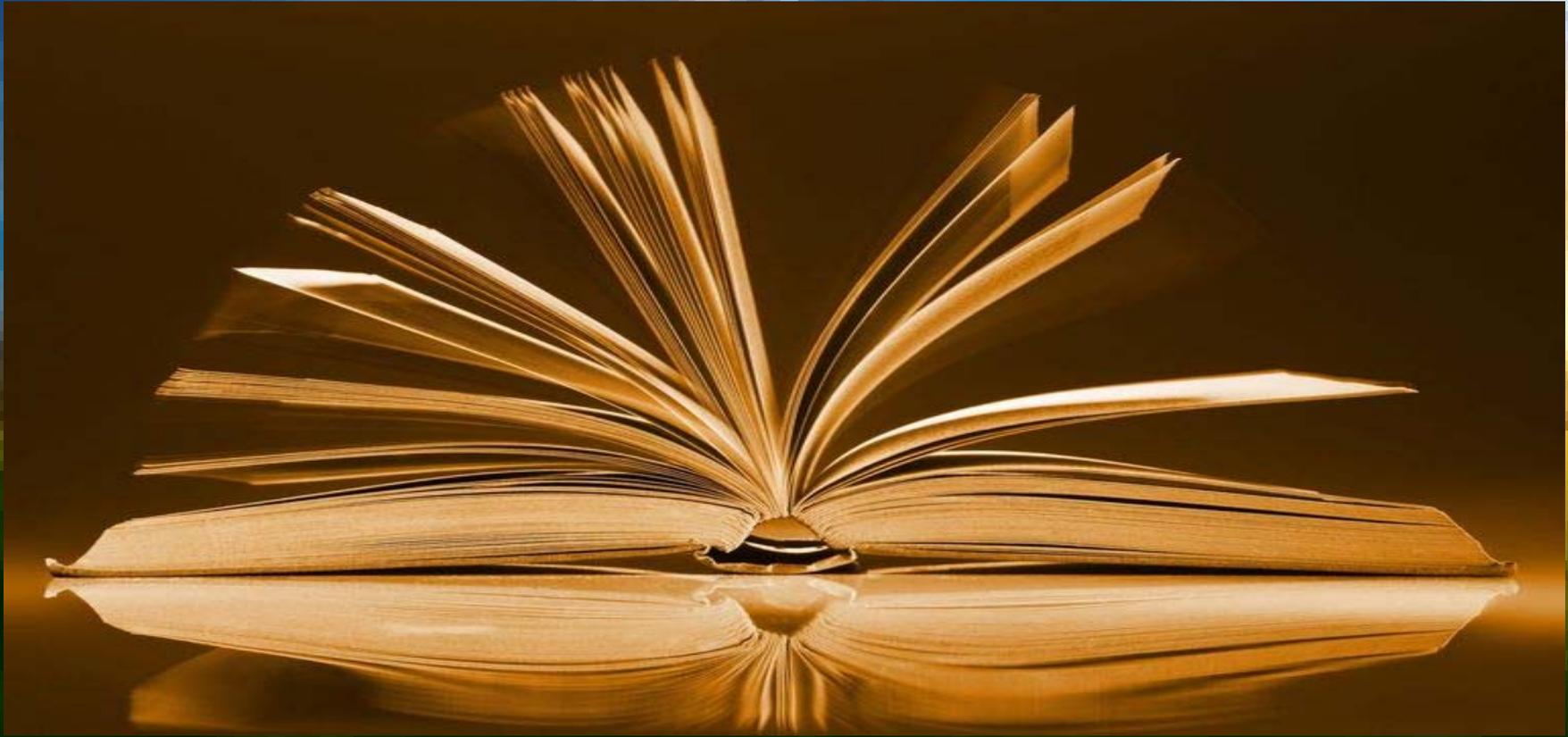
***Title:***

***The Believer's Daily Struggle!***

***Theme:***

***The Sin of Self-Centeredness Brings  
Shame Upon the Name of Jesus!***

*The Scriptures:*  
***1 Corinthians 6:9-20!***



*This morning we continue our journey through the **second major section** in Paul's letter to the Corinthian believers. Again, Paul's goal in this section is twofold: 1.) to help believers **evaluate their hearts** before God, and 2.) to help them **adjust their walk** before men.*



# Overview Of Our Journey

I. (Chaps.1-4) The *Division* taking place in the Church at Corinth!

II. (Chaps.5-6) The *Disorders* taking place in the Church!

A. (Chap.5) Moral Disorder / Actions of a sinful man.

B. (Chap.6:1-8) Money Disorder / Desire for more.

C. (Chap.6:9-20) Meaningful Direction / Awareness.

# Overview Of Our Journey

III. (Chaps.7-14) The *Discussions* taking place in the Church!

IV. (Chap.15) The importance of *Doctrine* in the Church!

V. (Chap.16) The personal & practical *Decisions* of Paul!

# ***This Morning's Sermon Outline!***

- I. (6:9-12) The ***Principle***: ***The believer is set-apart for God!***
- II. (6:13-14) The ***Perception***: *Sin is not held against me!*
- III. (6:15-17) The ***Preaching***: ***Society has taken you captive!***
- IV. (6:18-20) The ***Plea***: *The believer is sanctified for Christ's sake!*

# ***The Setting:***

***This morning our goal is to end our journey through the second major section in Paul's letter to the Corinthian believers.***

## ***In Chapter 5:***

***We saw the cities influence on all those traveling in and out the city of Corinth.***

***Corinth was known through-out the world as a great vacation spot – It hosted the world's largest and greatest theaters, the Isthmain Games, its hotels were grand and beautiful, And the temple of Aphrodite continued to service 1000s of lonely men. Corinth offered everyone a great time. Howard Hendricks!***

## ***In Chapter 6:1-8***

***We focused on the city's commerce, wealth, and economic interests. Corinth was one of the world's largest banking centers. And vast amounts of money was needed for the everyday business transactions and financial investments. And, of course, following the money trail came robbers, thugs, swindlers and thieves! As a result the court rooms of the city were filled. And large amounts of money could be made over the court's decisions.***

# ***In I Corinthians 6:9-20!***

***Paul summarizes his message so that the believers in Corinth can correctly apply God's truth to their lives while living in a city filled with corruption. Here he builds on the daily conflict that takes place everyday in the life of the believer.***

***Question:***

***Are we called by God to be happy or holy!***

# I. (6:9-12) The PRINCIPLE:

## **We are set-apart for Christ!**

It is here that Paul contrasts the struggle that takes place on a daily basis in the hearts and minds of the believers.

**The conflict is the result of three distinct views!**

# The 1<sup>st</sup> View: Ascetic View / Jew!

This view states that to obtain the purity needed to save a man's eternal soul, the flesh had to be contained. Such control was brought about through extreme denial, constant discipline, and when necessary, physical punishment. The belief was that through beatings and abstinence would be driven from the body.



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# The 2<sup>nd</sup> View: Hedonistic View / Grk!

Here the belief is, since only the soul survives after death, it really doesn't matter what the body does. After all, the body is only the housing for the soul. To indulge the desires of the flesh frees up the soul.

Thus, the soul is released to pursue the things of God.

(purity)



# The 3<sup>rd</sup> View: Biblical View / Paul!

This view was addressed by the apostle in I Corinthians 3:16-17 – Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that God dwells in you? If any man destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him, for the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are.  
(Holy inward and outward)



# I. (6:9-12) The PRINCIPLE:

We are set-apart for Christ!

## A. (vs.9-10) The CONDEMNATION: The Specifics!

1. (v.9a) An Overview of Paul's teaching:  
Sin will not enter into God's kingdom!
2. (vs.9b-10) The Specifics of Paul's teaching:  
Sinners will not enter into God's Kingdom!

## **We are set-apart for Christ!**

### **A. (vs.9b-10) The CONDEMNATION:**

- 1. Fornicators – Sex between unmarried people.**
- 2. Idolaters – Worship of a false god.**
- 3. Adulterers – A cheater or unfaithful person.**
- 4. Effeminates – A man who assumes a women's role.**
- 5. Homosexuals – A person who is sexually active with his/her own kind.**
- 6. Thieves – Take what doesn't belong to them.**
- 7. Covetous – Long/lust for what doesn't belong to you.**
- 8. Drunkards – To be overwhelmed with strong drink.**
- 9. Revilers – To fight so that another is destroyed.**
- 10. Swindler – To trick a person out of what is his.**

# I. (6:9-12) The PRINCIPLE:

We are set-apart for Christ!

A. (vs.9-10) The CONDEMNATION!

B. (v.11) The CLARIFICATION: Such were some of you before Christ!

1. Christ washed you by His blood / Saved.
2. Christ sanctified you by His truth.
3. Christ justified you by His Spirit.

# I. (6:9-12) The PRINCIPLE:

We are set-apart for Christ!

A. (vs.9-10) The CONDEMNATION:

B. (v.11) The CLARIFICATION!

C. (v.12) The CONCLUSION: Even though I am no longer held accountable for my sins, I know that sin is evil and desires to control me by becoming my master. It destroys my relationship with God and my testimony before man.

## II. (6:13-14) The PERCEPTION:

Sin is OK because it's no longer held against me!

A. (v.13a) Their Reasoning: Just as food is for the stomach and the stomach is for food, so the body desires sex and God created sex for the body. God created man with needs. Therefore these needs must be met – It's all God's doing or fault!

## II. (6:13-14) The PERCEPTION:

Sin is OK because it's no longer held against me!

A. (v.13a) Their Reasoning.

B. (vs.13b-14) Paul's Response: Your worldly thinking is the result of your incorrect theology! (You reason like an unsaved man)



**Sin is OK because it's no longer held against me!**

**B. (vs.13b-14) Paul's Response: Your worldly thinking is the result of your poor Theology ...**

- 1. Your thinking is flawed: Do you not know that God is not consumed by fleshly desires. The Proof – He will do away with both the stomach and its need for food.**
- 2. Your theology is flawed: Do you truly believe that the resurrection of the human body is to fulfill its fleshly desires? Do you not know that its purpose is to glorify God before mankind?**

### III. (6:15-17) The PREACHING:

Society has taken you captive!

(Here Paul uses two diatribes)

A. (v.15) **Do you not know** that your bodies are a physical extension of Christ's body?

1. You are God's arms and legs!
2. You are a reflection of His truth and love.
3. You are salt and light.
4. How then can you be linked to a prostitute?
5. This must never be allowed!

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Society has taken you captive!

(Here Paul uses two diatribes)

- A. (v.15) Do you not know that your bodies are a physical extension of Christ's body?
- B. (vs.16-17) **Do you not know** that the believer is to be linked to Christ alone?
  1. To be linked to a harlot is to be joined to sin.
  2. To be linked to Christ is to be joined to the Spirit.
  3. **Question.** Who do you choose to be linked to?

# IV. (6:18-20) The PLEA:

We are to be Sanctified for Christ's sake!

A. (v.18a) Paul begins with a Command!

B. (v.18b) Paul continues in Commentary!

C. (vs.19-20) Paul ends with a Conclusion!

1. **Your body is God's temple** .....
2. The Holy Spirit is God's gift .....
3. **Your body does not belong to you** .....
4. The price of God's gift was great .....
5. **Therefore let your life be a living testimony for God!**

# Paul's Conclusion

*Your life is a journey that you must travel with a deep consciousness of God. It cost God plenty to get you out of that dead-end, empty-headed lifestyle you grew up in. Now that you've cleaned up your lives by following the truth, you must never forget that your old life is not like your new one. The old life was born through the wisdom of this world – which leads to death. Your new birth comes from God's living Word, Jesus who became flesh for your sake!*

In I Corinthians 1:12 we were told that the church was divided over who to follow. However, in II Peter 1:17-21 we discover that there was no conflict in their message.

Let me paraphrase Peters words:

*Conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth; knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ. You (believers) will be raised from the dead and given His glory because your faith and hope are found in Christ!*