

# God's Temple

January 14, 2018 – I Corinthians 6:19-20

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***“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, Who is in you, Whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.”***

Remember Joseph from your Sunday School class. Joseph was given a coat of many colors. He was one of 12 sons of Jacob. 10 of the brothers of Joseph were so jealous of Joseph, and they despised Joseph so much that they wanted to kill Joseph. In the end they ended up selling their little brother Joseph into slavery and then lying to their father that Joseph was killed by a wild animal.

As a slave, Joseph ended up in Egypt, in the house of Potiphar an official of Pharaoh and captain of the guard. (Gen. 39:1) While Joseph was going about his duties as a slave, the wife of Potiphar went to Joseph and made advances toward Joseph day after day. She said to Joseph, (Who was a handsome man) *“Come to bed with me!”* (Gen. 39:7) But each time Joseph refused. And he said, ***“How can I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?”*** Joseph resisted, but his faithful service to God and his master Potiphar landed Joseph in prison due to the lies of the wife.

In this chapter for today from First Corinthians, the Apostle Paul encourages the congregation in Corinth to resist the temptation of sexual immorality.

***I Corinthians 6:18-20 – Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.***

As the Apostle Paul instructs the congregation in Corinth and all believers, he alludes back to Genesis 2:24 where God created Man and Woman and God states that *“The Two will become One Flesh.”*

The city of Corinth was a sailor town, and it was a bit wild. Thus the Apostle Paul instructs the believers that their body is the *“Temple of the Holy Spirit”*.

***Vs. 19 – Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, Who is in you, Whom you have received from God? You are not your own;***

***Vs. 20 – you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.***

What were we bought with? We were bought with the Blood of Jesus as we learn in:

***I Peter 1:18-20 – For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, 19 – but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 20 – He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.***

As believers, our bodies are the Temple of God. When we fail to honor God with our body and we fail at the perfection that God, demands, we find our strength and comfort knowing that Christ Jesus destroyed the temple of His body on the cross of Calvary and on the third day rose again, victorious over all sin, over death and over the power of the devil as we learn in:

***John 2:18-19 – Then the Jews demanded of HIM, What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this? 19 – Jesus answered them, Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days. ... In. 2:21 - The temple He had spoken of was His body.”***

And we know that Jesus became sin for us.

***II Corinthians 5:21 – God made Him (Jesus) Who had no sin, to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.” AMEN***