

SHILOH COMMUNITY CHURCH - SERMON NOTES

TITLE: AGAINST YOUR OWN BODY

DATE: **SEPTEMBER 7, 2008** KEY VERSE: **I Corinthians 5:1-13 & 6:9-20**

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

The passage in 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 speaks of transformation.

Have you seen God already changing some old habits or patterns in your life?

Would you be willing to share any of those?

DIGGING DEEPER - NOTE: for this week's discussion, we recommend that you break into groups of men and women)

1. Read the verses on page 2 under "Problems." When faced with sexual immorality, what problems discussed by Paul can you identify with?
2. According to Paul, the Corinthian church had people who were prideful and arrogant about their sexual immorality...sin that was not even performed by unbelievers. Do you see that kind of pride and arrogance in our world today?
3. Is there any sin that the American church tolerates? What is it? According to Paul, how should it be dealt with?
4. Read 1 Cor 5:6-9. What is the little "leaven" or "little foxes" in your relationships that will compromise the whole, or destroy the vineyard? Why focus on the little things?
5. Read 1 Cor 6:18. What does Paul mean by fleeing sexual immorality? Is there any other command in scripture that Christ tells you to flee from? (See 1 Cor 10:14, 1 Tim 6:11, 2 Tim 2:22, James 4:7) Does this exclaim the seriousness of this sin and the measures one should take? What practical steps can you take to flee sexual immorality?

TAKING IT HOME

1. Based on Paul's solutions (see back page) to sexual immorality, what ammunition can you claim to defend against the leaven and foxes?
2. Based on 1 Cor 6:20, what are some practical ways to "glorify God in you body"?

Prayer

Spend some time in prayer and thank God for Paul's words in 6:20, "**...You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.**" Let those words encourage you that even though we have sinned, we have been bought and washed through the blood of Christ. Now go and live for Him!

What is the primary "take away" lesson you have gained from this lesson?

Problems

- 5:1 Sexual immorality not even practiced among unbelievers.
- 5:2, 6 Arrogant towards sexual immorality and unremorseful.
- 5: 2, 5 Were not rebuking those who were practicing sexual immorality.
- 5:6, 9 Keeping company with sexually immoral people.
- 6:13, 16, 18, 19 Their bodies were not being used for the Lord.
- 6:15, 16 Did not understand that our bodies are members of Christ.
- 6:18 They were not fleeing sexual immorality.

Solutions

- 5:4,5,6,7,8 Purge out the leaven of sin by
 - a. delivering sexual immorality to Satan (v 4, 5)
 - b. recognizing that Christ is our Passover lamb, sacrificed for us (v7)
 - c. not keeping the Feast with sexually immoral people, but with the sinless life of sincerity and truth (v. 8)
- 5:9-11 Do not keep company with Christians who are sexually immoral, but don't draw from non-Christians who will ultimately be judged by God. (put away those who are sexually immoral).
- 6:9-10 Recognize that your ability to inherit eternal life may be lost.
- 6:11 Recognize that Jesus Christ washed you, sanctified and justified you by the Spirit of God.
- 6: 13-19 Understand that our bodies are for the Lord, we are members of Christ. Those who are joined to the Lord are one in spirit with Him.
- 6:18 Flee sexual immorality.
- 6:20 Your body and spirit are God's. He purchased them through his Son.