

YOUR BODY IS THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY GHOST
I COR. 6:13-20

Introduction:

- A. Paul addresses the problem of brother going to law against brother.
 - 1. v7.
 - 2. It is a sign of failure. Do what Jesus taught.

- B. He now takes up again the subject of fornication. v13
 - 1. "meats for the belly, and the belly for meats."
 - 2. This was probably a saying that was quoted to justify sexual activity. God made us with our sexual appetite and gave us the power to satisfy it.
 - a. "Sex for the body, and the body for sex."
 - 3. "but God shall destroy both it and them."
 - 4. Both the belly and meat will be destroyed.

I. THE TRUE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH MEMBERS BODY.

- A. "Now the body is not for fornication."
 - 1. God made us to reproduce, mankind is sexual.
 - 2. That is not all God made us for.

- B. "but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body."
 - 1. The human body is made for God's use.
 - 2. The Lord is the Head of the Body.

- C. This body will be raised up. v14
 - 1. This makes the subject clear.
 - 2. The body refers to the human body, not the church as a body.

II. THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE CHURCH MEMBER TO JESUS CHRIST. V15

- A. Every true church is the body of Christ.
 - 1. Each individual member of the church is a member in Christ's body.

- a. "know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ?"
- B. To commit fornication is to join a member of Christ's body to an harlot.
 1. "shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot?"
 2. "God forbid!" - members = a limb of the body.
- C. How could this happen? v16
 1. "he which is joined to an harlot is one body."
 2. "two shall be one flesh." sex act.
- D. We are not fornicators when joined to Christ.
 1. v17.

III. HOW TO AVOID FORNICATION. V18-20

- A. "flee fornication."
 1. Keep on running from sexual immorality!
- B. Fornication is sin against one's own body.
 1. v18.
- C. The body is God's dwelling place.
 1. v19, naos - the interior.
- D. It is bought with a price.
 1. v20.

