

Sermon Notes – January 21, 2018

Review

- ⇒ Paul is writing to the church in Corinth, a progressive city in Asia Minor, well-known for its immorality.
- ⇒ Throughout this letter, Paul confronts numerous problems in the Corinthian church and applies the gospel to each situation. Christ IS the answer to our sinfulness & brokenness!
- ⇒ We saw last week that living in a broken world means we all have hearts that desire things contrary to God's will. Regardless of the specific desire, Scripture calls us to find our identity in Christ.

Today's Text: I Corinthians 6:12-20

The young Corinthian church is surrounded by a messy, moral quagmire. Sin & vice of all kinds flourish in the city, and culture is rife with invitations to immorality. Christ-followers, however, are called "out of darkness and into His marvelous light" (I Peter 2:9), regardless of what culture dictates. God's standards of holiness do not change with the times.

Just Because You Can, Doesn't Mean You Should

(12-13a)

- ⇒ Some textual issues:
 - "Do you not know?" – six times in fifteen verses
 - Implied quotations – think through all three!
- ⇒ The issue at stake is our desires! We are an _____ culture, and our ability to _____ or to _____ our impulses altogether is getting weaker all the time. **Why is that?** Remember Veruca Salt? "I want it now!"
 - "If I have a desire, why shouldn't I fulfill it?"
 - "How could a good God call me NOT to give in to what I want? What if telling myself 'No' is a _____?"
 - Cf. Genesis 4:7 & I Peter 4:8

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- ⇒ C.S. Lewis says that our desires are not too strong, but too weak; we are far too easily satisfied... (Sermon: "The Weight of Glory")

Your Body Belongs to God (13b-17)

- ⇒ What you do with your body, _____! Cf. 9:24-27; Galatians 5:17
- ⇒ One day, God will raise your body from the grave & give you a new one. He cares about the body.
- ⇒ If you're a Christ-follower, your body belongs to Christ; it is a _____ of the Holy Spirit. Christ lives _____ you and Christ lives _____ you! Do you see how strongly Paul feels about this in v. 15-16?

Sometimes You Just Have to RUN (18-20)

- ⇒ Remember Joseph? Suppose he'd stopped to _____ with Mrs. Potiphar? After all, maybe he'd misread her intentions.
- ⇒ Let's be honest about our own hearts! One of two things will happen if you stare at sin long enough:
 - You will see its _____, recognize God's truth, and turn away.
 - You will come up with an _____ for why it isn't so bad, and you will give in...and then go back for more.
- ⇒ Sexual immorality is not "just like" other types of sin. See verse 18.

Responding to God's Word

- ⇒ As you think through things that you're "free to do," are you honest about admitting the dangers as well?
- ⇒ How does remembering that your body belongs to God affect how you care for your body? Or the things you put INTO your body? Or the places you go? Or the things you watch?
- ⇒ Is there an area in which you're "playing with" sin, kind of like playing with a tiger or an alligator – hoping it won't take your arm off? Motivated by this text, what would it look like to "FLEE"? (Oh, I know...you have it under control...right?)
- ⇒ Parents: Are you helping your kids accept "No" as an answer? How do they see you act when you don't get something you want?