

Christian Freedom & Sexual Bondage

1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 (Part 1)

- Christian freedom is a wonderful gift from the Lord (Gal 5:1,13)
- Corinthians taught this strongly, but were turning grace into license
- We are saved from sin delivered from law, not to continue on in sin
- Paul sets down three strong deterrents against sexual sin in our text

I. Sexual Sin Is Damaging To Everyone Involved (Destructive) 6:12a

- Common Corinthian's statement, all things "are lawful" sin is forgiven
- Sin may be forgiven, but no sin is ever right or good = always bad fruit
- Sin may never be charged to our account, but it may cost us in this life
- Paul's concern deadly havoc sexual sin wreaks: marriage, relationships
- Sexual sin is deceitful: it never delivers what it promises (Prov 5:13)

II. Sexual Sin Controls (6:12b)

- Paul is free in Christ but refused to let anything master him (Rom 6:14)
- No sin is more enslaving than sexual sin, it sinks its hooks deep within
- In the name of Christian freedom, some were slaves again (1 Thess 4:3)
- Every believer: rightly controls their bodies; evidence of life (Rom 8:13)

III. Sexual Sin Perverts & Corrupts (6: 13,14)

- Corinthians justified their sin: Body is for food & food for the body
- Paul's stops them- this is true, but the relationship is temporal
- The body has eternal value & is meant to serve the Lord (vv.13,14)