

Freedom in Sin City (1 Corinthians 6:12-20)

- I. **Introduction**
 - A. The human cycle of rebellion → freedom → rebellion
 - B. Rebellion is opposed to true freedom in the Scripture (Rom 8:2-3)
 - C. Brief context, reading text and outline of sermon
- II. **Freedom and God's purpose for our body (12-14)**
 - A. The importance of freedom in the Bible
 1. The Jubilee
 2. Jesus' mission (Lk 4:18, Jn 8:36)
 3. Paul's message (Gal 2:4, Rom 6:14, 7:6, 8:21, Gal 5:13, 4:31-5:1)
 - B. **1 Cor 6:12-13** *All things are lawful for me .. true, but ...* (Rom 6:1)
 1. Is the Gospel message antinomian?
 2. The Corinthians ignored the balancing truth (Gal 5:13, Rom 6:14)
 3. Food and the stomach: a philosophical argument to justify sin
 - C. *Not all things are helpful* – sexual sin is harmful
 1. The adulteress Proverbs 5:3,4,5,8
 2. David and Bathsheba (2 Sam 11:27, 12:10-11,14)
 - D. *I will not be enslaved by anything* – sexual sin enslaves
 - E. **1 Cor 6:14** *the body is not for sexual immorality* – sexual sin perverts
 1. It spoils the *temporal* purpose for which God made the body (1 Th 4:3-5, Rom 8:13)
 2. It spoils the *eternal* purpose for which God made the body
 - a. The resurrection demonstrates God's concern for the body
- III. **Freedom applied to sexual immorality (15-18)**
 - A. Our bodies are members of Christ
 1. Can we take that which is vitally joined to Christ and join with a harlot? ... *meh genoito – God forbid! Certainly not!*
 - B. ***Flee sexual immorality***
 1. Is sexual immorality worse than other sins?
 2. Flee and keep fleeing until the danger is past.
 3. The example of Joseph (Gen 39:10,12)
 4. We must have a *zero tolerance policy* when it comes to sexual immorality (Eph 5:3)
 - a. Do not allow your eyes to look (Mt 5:28, Job 31:1)
 - b. Do not take a second look
 - c. Beware of charged words (read, spoken, and heard)
 - d. Take care how you dress (Pr 7:10, 11:22)
 - e. Be careful of touching (Pr 7:13)
 - f. Do not look for loopholes "*How far is too far?*"
 5. When you do sin in this area, confess and repent of it and know that you are forgiven – *Go and sin no more* (Jn 8:11).
- IV. **Gospel indicatives motivate you to use your body to glorify God (19-20)**
 - A. The Holy Spirit dwells in you
 - B. You were bought with a price, so you are now Christ's slave alone