

The Crisis at Corinth –Abuse of Liberty

When the World Invades the Church

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

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Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Enjoy freedom in Christ without abusing your body.

1. Your freedom brings **privileges** (verse 12)
 - a. Legalism is the negative position: everything is wrong to do until God specifically gives us **permission**.
 - b. Liberty is the positive position: everything is right to do until God gives a **prohibition**.
2. Your freedom includes some **pitfalls** (verse 12)
 - a. Some choices do not help us
 - b. Some choices can enslave us
3. Your freedom is according to **plan** verse 13-14
 - a. The body is not made for **temporal desires** and urges - "I'm just following my instincts."
 - b. The body is made for with an **eternal design**.
4. Your freedom has some **parameters** (verses 15-19)
 - a. Your body is a member of Christ's body - Never make it participate in fornication.
 - b. Your body is joined to Christ's Spirit - Never be joined in immoral oneness.
 - c. Your body is the home of the Holy Spirit - Never do damage to the Spirit's home.
5. Your freedom had a **price** (verse 19)
6. Your freedom has a **purpose** (verse 20)
 - a. We have the task from God – **Glorify him**
 - b. We have the tool from God – **a body**. Phil 1:20

Paul's inspired instruction: **Flee Sexual Immorality!**