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## Bought with a Price 1 Corinthians 6 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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### Using This Study

#### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we are looking at the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians. This passage has two major topics. The first section is talking about lawsuits among fellow believers. This gives us some good principles about what really matters for believers and what really matters for the rest of the world. The second section is about the body. Our bodies belong to Christ. He has purchased them with His own blood. Paul gives some clear instruction about avoiding immorality. Join us this week as we talk about what it means that all things are lawful when we are also instructed to flee immorality.



## Lawsuits Discouraged

**6** Does any one of you, when he has a case against his neighbor, dare to go to law before the unrighteous and not before the saints? **2** Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? If the world is judged by you, are you not competent *to constitute* the smallest law courts? **3** Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more matters of this life? **4** So if you have law courts dealing with matters of this life, do you appoint them as judges who are of no account in the church? **5** I say *this* to your shame. *Is it so, that* there is not among you one wise man who will be able to decide between his brethren, **6** but brother goes to law with brother, and that before unbelievers?

**7** Actually, then, it is already a defeat for you, that you have lawsuits with one another. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded? **8** On the contrary, you yourselves wrong and defraud. *You do* this even to *your* brethren.

**9** Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, **10** nor thieves, nor *the* covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. **11** Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

## The Body Is the Lord's

**12** All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything. **13** Food is for the stomach and the stomach is for food, but God will do away with both of them. Yet the body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body. **14** Now God has not only raised the Lord, but will also raise us up through His power. **15** Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take away the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? May it never be! **16** Or do you not know that the one who joins himself to a prostitute is one body *with her*? For He says, "THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH." **17** But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit *with Him*. **18** Flee immorality. Every *other* sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. **19** Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? **20** For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

**o EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details from this passage.**

Make 10 of your own observations from this passage. Avoid jumping to make interpretive decisions or drawing applications. Save those for the sections that follow. At this point just observe this passage and what it says. Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, and what stands out to you. Look at the verbs, what actions are in the text? Who is involved in the text? There is no right or wrong answer, just list 10 things you see in the text.

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**2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)  
What does God MEAN?

1. Who does Paul say should not take disputes to unbelievers?
2. What is Paul's point in verse 7 when he says "why not rather be wronged"?
3. Who will inherit the Kingdom of God? (9-11)
4. In verse 12 does Paul really mean that he can lawfully do anything he desires?
5. What is meant by "the two shall become one flesh"?
6. In verse 18, how do we define immorality?
7. Why should we glorify God with our body?

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)  
Why does this MATTER to me?

8. Should we utilize our church to settle disputes? Is this practical in our society?

9. What is your body for? Give some examples.

10. How does the purchase of our body impact our desire to glorify God?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

*Sermon Notes*