

What We Teach

SALVATION

Regeneration

Genuine regeneration is manifested by fruits worthy of repentance as demonstrated in righteous attitudes and conduct.

The Palace of the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 6:19 (NASB)

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?”

We are to keep ourselves pure from sexual sins because we are the palace or the temple of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God indwells every Christian. Such indwelling began when you put your faith in Jesus Christ for your salvation. If you have not put your faith in Christ, then the Holy Spirit does not live within you.

*** Romans 8:9 (NASB)**

⁹“However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.”

*** Galatians 4:6 (NASB)**

⁶“Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

The Christian is the temple of the Holy Spirit. This word “**temple**” is from the word *naos* which refers to the Holy Place and Holy of Holies in the Jewish temple. For the Jew, this was the place where God dwelled among His people until the destruction of the temple in A.D. 70. If you are a Christian, you are the temple of the Holy Spirit. You are not your own!

You Are Not Your Own

- *** *Determination*** may make you stubborn like a cantankerous, old mule, unwilling to do God's will, but you are not your own.
- *** *Desires*** may inflame your lust to fulfill sinful pleasures, but you are not your own.
- *** *Discouragement*** may sift your strength like fat ticks on a dog's ear, and move you to stop serving God, but you are not your own.
- *** *Defeat*** may cause you to be scornful and sour like tart grapes, but you are not your own.
- *** *Diamonds*** or dough may sidetrack your priorities from putting God first, but remember, you are not your own.

The Purchase and Purpose of Your Life

1 Corinthians 6:20 (NASB)

²⁰“For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.”

We are not to pollute the palace because we belong to the Lord. We are bought with the price of His blood. For this reason we are to glorify God in our body, soul, and spirit.... with our entire being. This is the purpose of the life of the Christian.

* **Matthew 5:16 (NASB)**

¹⁶“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

* **1 Corinthians 10:31 (NASB)**

³¹“Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

Great men of the Bible desired to glorify God with their lives.

- * Daniel why are you praying? Don't you know the punishment is death in the lions' den? “Yes, but I have purposed in my heart to glorify God in my body.”
- * Shadrach, Mechech, and Abednego, why will you not bow down to the idol of the king? “It is our desire to glorify God with our bodies.”
- * Paul, why are you still preaching after those people stoned you and left you for dead? “It is my desire in whatever I do to glorify the Lord with my body.”
- * Joseph, why are you running from the clutches of that beautiful woman? “I am determined to glorify God in my body.”

Beloved, we are to glorify God with our bodies and not pollute the palace because we have been bought with a price. The purchase of our lives provokes a number of great truths.

Bought with a Price

- * *Being bought with a price **Verifies** our need for a Savior.*
- * *Being bought with a price is **Vital** for our salvation and deliverance from Hell.*
- * *We're bought with a price because of the **Vileness and Vices** of Sin.*
- * *We're bought with a price because of the **Vanity** of our good works and self-righteousness.*
- * *Because we are bought with a price, we have **Victory** over sin and death.*
- * *Because we are bought with a price, the **Veil** between God and man is removed.*
- * *Being bought with a price reveals our **Value** to the Lord and the fact we are important to Him.*
- * *Being bought with a price **Verifies** God's love for all of us.*
- * *Being bought with a price expresses the **Vastness** of God's wealth, power, and love.*
- * *Being bought with a price, the **Void** in our hearts is filled with the Holy Spirit.*
- * *Being bought with a price **Validates** God's ownership of our lives.*

Being bought with a price, may God help us all to not pollute His palace.