



Lesson 19
“Present Yourself”
Romans 6:11-14
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Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. What is the argument that Paul is addressing here? (Hint: it’s in quotes.)

The people of Corinth were claiming that they could go on sinning so grace might increase, since they were not bound by the law. What does Paul tell them their bodies are actually meant for?

What specific area of sin is Paul addressing here?

What does he tell the people to **flee** from?

Why is this sin different from other sins? (Please note: this sin is different but it is still sin, just as lying is sin, and all sin separates us from God.)

Who do we belong to?

Why should that make us more careful with how we use our bodies?

Read Ephesians 5:25-27. How did Christ show His love for the church?

What was the goal of this?

Was the church holy and blameless before this?

How does Christ achieve this sanctification?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:14-24. What does Paul urge the brothers to do? (I count 14ish things.)

All of these things are parts of our sanctification, but what brings about our complete sanctification?

Is our completed sanctification contingent on anything?

Read Galatians 5:16-18. If we are walking by the power of the Spirit, what we will not gratify?

Are the flesh and the Spirit compatible?

As you spend time with God today, consider what work He might be preparing you to do. How is your flesh at odds with that work?

Ask God to help you to see that sin does not have to reign in your body; ask Him to help you to see the way out when you are tempted. If you are still struggling with loving your sin instead of hating it, ask God to help you to see your sin as He sees it. Ask Him to help you to hate your sin, and to turn away from it, knowing that the flesh and the Spirit are not compatible.

Ask Him to show you where you are (or may be) justifying sin in your own life, instead of earnestly desiring to be out from under that burden of sin. Remind yourself, too, that He who began the good work in you *will bring it to completion*. Even as you struggle today against your sinful flesh, thank God that He already knows the “end of the story” and that you know it too. Thank Him for the sure promise of your sanctification and salvation and an eternity spent with Him, and continue to come to Him today, and every day, for the strength to take the next step as He continues to sanctify you and display His glory.