

Studies In First Corinthians

(I Corinthians 6:14-20)

1. What did God do for the Lord and will do for us?

Resurrection: *“And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power” (I Corinthians 6:14).*

- God raised up Jesus (**Acts 2:23-24, Acts 2:32, Acts 4:10, Romans 6:4, and Colossians 2:12**).
- God will also raise us up by His own power (**II Corinthians 4:14** and **I Thessalonians 4:14**).
- The unity of God is shown in that Jesus is also involved in our being raised (**John 6:39-40** and **Philippians 3:20-21**).

2. What did God forbid in the context we are currently studying?

Members of Christ joining to harlots: *“Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid” (I Corinthians 6:15).*

- Our bodies are members of Christ (**Romans 12:4-5, I Corinthians 12:12, I Corinthians 12:27, Ephesians 1:22-23, Ephesians 4:15-16, Ephesians 5:30, and Colossians 2:19**).
- We need to avoid harlots (**Proverbs 7:1-23**).

3. How does one become joined to a harlot?

Sexually becoming one flesh: *“What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh” (I Corinthians 6:16).*

- This verse shows that the phrase “be one flesh” is a sexual relationship between two people. Such a phrase should only apply to a husband and a wife (**I Corinthians 7:1-5** and **Hebrews 13:4**; cf. **Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:5-6, and Ephesians 5:31**).

4. What are you if you are joined unto the Lord?

One spirit: *“But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit” (I Corinthians 6:17).*

- **John 3:1-6, John 17:20-23, and Ephesians 4:1-6.**
- Being “one spirit” is describing spiritual unity: *“Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel” (Philippians 1:27).*

5. What should we do with fornication? Whose body is sinned against when one commits fornication?

Flee from it: *"Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body"* (**I Corinthians 6:18**).

- Flee from fornication [unlawful sexual intercourse] (**Genesis 39:12-18** and **I Thessalonians 4:3**).
- Fornication is a sin against your own body (**Romans 1:21-32**).

6. Whose temple are we (figuratively speaking)?

The Spirit of God: *"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own"* (**I Corinthians 6:19**)?

- The Scriptures say that the Holy Ghost dwells in us (**I Corinthians 3:16**, **Ephesians 2:21-22**, and **II Timothy 1:14**).
- The Scriptures also say that God the Father and the Son indwell us (**John 14:23**, **Romans 8:10**, **Colossians 1:25-27**, and **I John 4:12**).
- In fact, the Scriptures say that we dwell in God (**II Corinthians 5:17** and **I John 4:15-16**).
- Clearly, that shows the indwelling of deity is figurative, not literal (cf. **I John 3:17**).
- For those who think the indwelling of deity is literal, they must conclude that sinners have the literal indwelling of Satan (**Acts 5:3**; cf. **Romans 7:17**). That conclusion would also be that when you sin God jumps out and Satan jumps in. Come on, that's plain STUPID!
- We discussed in this lesson how we are the body of Christ. Yet, we all can reason that we're not literally His body. We were not collectively crucified on the cross, etc. The same reasoning must be applied here. If God's spirit were literally in you, you'd be God and have all His knowledge (**I Corinthians 2:10-11**)!
- More can be seen here: http://www.wordsoftruth.net/theholyspirit4_2007.html

7. If you're a Christian, do you belong to yourself?

No, as we began to see in verse 19, and now read that you're bought with a price: *"For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's"* (**I Corinthians 6:20**).

- The price was the death of our Savior: **Mark 10:45**, **Acts 20:28**, **I Corinthians 7:23**, **Galatians 3:13**, **I Timothy 2:4-6**, **Titus 2:11-14**, and **I Peter 1:18-19**.
- We are to use everything we are and have to the glory of God (**Matthew 5:16**, **Romans 16:27**, **I Corinthians 10:31**, and **I Peter 4:11**).