

1 Corinthians 6

- Opening comments and Opening Prayer.

1 Cor 6 - When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints? ² Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? ³ Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life! ⁴ So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the church? ⁵ I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to settle a dispute between the brothers, ⁶ but brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers? ⁷ To have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you. Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be defrauded? ⁸ But you yourselves wrong and defraud—even your own brothers! ⁹ Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

¹² “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³ “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Never! ¹⁶ Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” ¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a

temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

- We pick this scripture up as Paul is continuing a lengthy dissertation,
- And these particular verses are of an intimate nature.
- As usual, Paul is not shy to come right to the heart of the matter,
- And confront anyone who needs to hear what needs to be said.
- This is a sensitive nature, and type of subject that can cause us to squirm.
- Let's first look at the summation verses.

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- The big question for all of us is this... Who do we belong to?
- Do belong to ourselves and the world? - Or do we belong to God?
- A good place we can start is to consider everything about ourselves,
- What we think about, what we talk about, what we do and don't do,
- We can this verse as a guide, to keep ourselves on the straight and narrow.
- We first look at the world that we live in, with all its issues and temptations,
- And then we take a good look at our own lives.
- And we can have an idea of where we fit in.
- What does it mean to be bought with a price?
- When we purchase items, especially more expensive ones,
- Like a car, a home, and an education.
- We are buying something for a reason.
- We have a purpose for buying such items.
- God wants us for a reason as well.
- And each of us who are believers, were bought with the price of Christ.
- **For we were all sinners and fall short of the glory of God. (Rom 3:23)**
- **And while we were yet sinners, Christ died for the ungodly. (Rom 5:8)**
- There was a price that had to be paid in order to purchase us.
- And like the Parable of the weeds, all of us are currently
- Living and breathing on this side of eternity.

- All of us are living in a world where we are living side by side with others.
- Some of them comprise the wheat.
- And some comprise the weeds.
- And all of us at some point in time need to be cognizant of the fact
- That our situation is impecunious at best,
- That all of us are of a poor and pitiful nature, dead in sin,
- And in dire need of a savior.
- And there is nothing we can do on our own to change that.
- So, in order to be purchased by God, there had to be a price to be paid
- **Hebrews 10:13, For the king for all time had to make one sacrifice for sin.**
- There had to be a sacrifice.
- Hebrews 9:22 tells us, “Without the shedding of blood there is no sacrifice”
- And the sacrifice had to be one without a blemish.
- The only one who could do that was one who had no sin.
- And His name was Jesus.
- **Hebrews 4:15. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we do have one who was tempted in every way, just as we were, yet He is without sin.**
- So, it was Jesus who paid that price for each one of us.
- It was Jesus who made it possible for all of us to go from unsaved to saved.
- It was Jesus who made it possible for us to enter the door of grace
- It was Jesus that made it possible for us to be adopted by our Father,
- To give us our uniform so we can play on God’s team
- And to win the crown of Righteousness.
- It was a high price to pay.
- So, when it says, we were bought with a price, we need to remember
- Just how much He had to pay to purchase us.
- And for those of us who felt a separation, and received a call from God.
- We made the decision to follow the one who purchased us.
- And now that we are His, now that we belong to Him,
- We need to think about how we live our lives on a daily basis.

- How are we conducting ourselves among the wheat and the weeds?
- Are we committing our living our lives to the manner that we ought to?
- We do not belong to ourselves.
- We have taken up the cross and followed Him who saved us.
- **2Cor. 5:17, Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation, old things have passed away, and all things are become new.**
- We made a personal decision to put aside all the lusts of the world,
- And all its temptations, and to live in a new manner, as a new creation.
- So, we go back again to those summation verses....

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- So, we are to glorify God in our body and in our Spirit,
- A Spirit that belongs to Him.
- As a parent, we want the very best for our children.
- At times they might please us, and at other times we might feel frustrated.
- I don't think it that He feels much different that we do.
- And when we feel the rebuke of the Holy Spirit in times
- Where we drift from the path, we need to listen and adhere,
- To take out our compass and return in the direction he wants us to go in.
- If we are out walking in the woods and we get lost,
- The use of a compass can back us back on the right path,
- And then we are able to safely reach our destination.
- Do we have a compass that we can use?
- What's your compass?
- Is it a Christian brother or sister that we can confide in? (Examples)
- Is it that book we have called the Bible,
- That contains the basic instructions before we leave this earth?
- There is a big difference between thoughts that we have,
- And the actions that we take. (David and Bathsheba)
- We get thoughts, all of us do.

- But do we ponder them?
- Do we ponder them to a point as to where we might take an action?
- And action that is damnable?
- Or do we take these thoughts captive.
- It's a process to learn, to nature, and to grow in it
- We need to stop having thoughts that are perilous to our spiritual health.
- That is the only way we can glorify God in our body and in our Spirit.
- There is an old expression that says, you are what you eat.
- Matthew 15:10 ----
- Tell Arizona Story- Poor intake of food resulted in me being sick.
- When we eat the right foods and get the right exercise,
- Its amazing how much better we can feel in our own bodies.
- In the same way, we need to feed our Spirit with the right thoughts,
- And the corresponding right actions, that can make us feel good.
- To live ours lives in an assiduously positive manner that is pleasing to God
- Here I go again.... To live a life that is circumspect –
- A life where we are in intentional and conservative in all we say and do.
- A life that is pleasing to God.
- A life of joy, and glorifying the one who purchased us.
- He created us for His joy, so we can bring Him joy as well,
- For creating us and for purchasing us.
- Where God can look back at our life, and say, I have made a good purchase.
- It's up to use to look at our lives, our thoughts and our actions
- Are we on the right path?
- Do we need to stop and get the compass out?
- Are we staying away from Satan and his lies?
- Who wants us to exchange his filth for our souls?
- Are we putting on the full armor of Christ that can protect us from him?
- **¹² “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything.**
- We need to also remember that just because something is lawful,

- Does that make it right? Is it expedient?
- Does it promote a healthy spiritual life?
- Does it promote a good example for the world?
- We have been adopted as sons and daughters of our heavenly Father.
- We have been given the gifts and the power of the Holy Spirit.
- We are active players on God's team, a team that cannot lose.
- Let us glorify God in all aspects of our lives and live faithfully.
- So that others might see and notice there's something different about you.
- What is that difference? What do you have that I don't?
- How can I get it?
- That's the way to share the saving gospel of Jesus Christ.
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- Close in prayer.