

"Temples of God"

The Corinthian Church

Two kinds of Christians:

Jewish Converts
Greek Believers

Two ideas of temples:

Herod's Temple in Jerusalem
Aphrodite's Temple in Corinth

Two major problems:

Divisions in the church
Immorality in the church

Two great threats for the faith:

The unity of the church: the body of Christ
The purity of the Christian: my body of Christ

A sure sign of immaturity: Divisions in the church

Caused by legalism: I'm right, you're wrong!
Worsened by personalities: It's all your fault!
Destroyed by pride: I won't give in!

The temple of the church:

It belongs to God
It is indwelt by God's Spirit
It is a sacred body

A sure way of dishonoring Christ: Sexual immorality

Caused by permissiveness
Worsened by passions
Destroyed by promiscuity

The temple of my body:

It belongs to God
It is indwelt by God's Spirit
It is a sacred body

Don't you know that you are God's temple?

1 Corinthians 3:1-4

3:1 Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly-mere infants in Christ. 2 I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. 3 You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men? 4 For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not mere men?

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

16 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? 17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple.

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

12 "Everything is permissible for me"-but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible for me"-but I will not be mastered by anything. 13 "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food"-but God will destroy them both. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. 14 By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. 15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! 16 Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." 17 But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

18 Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. 19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

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