

## 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (May 1, 2022)

### OPENING QUESTION:

**SERMON DISCUSSION:** How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

### READ 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

**NOTE:** “When Paul wrote 1 Corinthians, an antinomian [being “against the law”] spirit had infected the church. That much is clear from 1 Corinthians 6:12–13, where the Apostle quotes catchphrases that the Corinthian believers were using to argue that they could do whatever they wanted and that whatever they did with their bodies could not truly affect their souls.” (Ligonier.org regarding 1 Corinthians 6:12-13)

1. Paul says, “all things are lawful for me.” What do you think he means by this? From 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, what kinds of things is Paul **not** considering as “all things” lawful?

2. For what reason are believers free from the law and what should this freedom look like (1 Corinthians 6:20; Romans 10:4; Galatians 5:13; Philippians 3:9; 1 Peter 2:16)?

3. What two criteria does Paul use to make decisions about “things” (1 Corinthians 6:12)? How would you benefit from asking yourselves these questions before making choices?

4. What is the point Paul is making from the illustrations used in 1 Corinthians 6:13-14?

5. "...sexual intercourse 'brings into being a new reality' (i.e., that of *one flesh*). Sexual intercourse actually changes people by creating a new reality: oneness with another person, as Genesis 2:23 is understood." (1 Corinthians-A Shorter Exegetical & Pastoral Commentary p. 97-98 by Anthony C. Thiselton)

From Thiselton's quote and 1 Corinthians 6:15-20; Genesis 2:24; Proverbs 6:32; Mark 10:8; and Ephesians 5:31-32, discuss the beauty of sexual intercourse and unique destructiveness of sexual sin.

6. Share details from 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Romans 6:6; and 1 Peter 1:18-19 regarding how believers are to live and why?