

Meditations on the Message

Sunday: February 28, 2016. *Christian Identity & Behavior*

Text: **1 Corinthians 5; 6:9-20**

Re-read the above text and consider the following thoughts and questions:

1. Following up on the illustration used during the Sunday AM message:
How would you respond to someone attempting to use a 2016 Chevrolet Corvette (a gift they received from a kind and gracious friend) as an off-road recreational vehicle? ...as a dune-buggy?
...as a jet-ski?
How does that illustration relate to someone misusing the gracious gift of sex that God gave?
 - a. Why does God care so much about our sexual activity?
2. If God establishes the boundaries for sexual activity, what happens when someone lives outside those boundaries?
 - a. If you don't embrace God's boundaries, where do you draw the lines for sexual activity? Why should your lines be established for anyone else besides yourself?
 - b. What do you do with the repeated expression of the sexually immoral not inheriting the kingdom of God? (1 Cor. 6; Gal. 5; Col. 3; Rev. 22)
3. What is the church's responsibility toward the sexually immoral man who claims to be one of them?
 - a. Should this removal of the immoral member be the activity of a few of the members (like the compensated staff or the elders), or the activity of the whole?
 - b. Why should the man be removed? What is the aim of the discipline? (What is the aim for the individual; for the church as a whole?)
 - c. What is the up-shot of doing nothing in this situation (toward the individual, toward the church)?
4. What distinction does the church make toward judging itself, and judging the world?
If the church was more concerned with corporately pursuing Jesus and His righteousness, over condemning society for its sin, what would happen to the testimony of the church in the culture it is in?
5. How does the resurrection of Jesus (His bodily resurrection) and the future resurrection of our bodies influence our view of the use of our bodies today? (Does it really matter what I do with my body? Is just my "spirit/soul" being saved... or is it all of me? What does that matter?)
6. How does the message "you were bought with a price" and "your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit" influence and expand your view on the topic of sex and sexual immorality?