

# Sermon Series – “Embracing Identity”

## **Part 5 – “Your Body, Your Choice... Really?”**

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**Scripture Reading:** 1 Corinthians 6:19&20

No one wants to be the \_\_\_\_\_ of “\_\_\_\_\_” news or be the one to \_\_\_\_\_ up a party. But in his letter to the Corinthian \_\_\_\_\_, the Apostle Paul had some \_\_\_\_\_ words for his fellow \_\_\_\_\_, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and sent from the Father’s heart of love. The \_\_\_\_\_ quotes the words of another wise man in Proverbs 27:6 saying, “*Faithful are the wounds of a friend, **but** the kisses of the enemy are full of deceit.*” In other words, their may be times when the honest, trustworthy, and loving words from a true friend will \_\_\_\_\_ our hearts, but the one who doesn’t really care will turn a \_\_\_\_\_ eye to the downward path his friend is tending while saying under his \_\_\_\_\_, “It’s none of my \_\_\_\_\_. Am I my \_\_\_\_\_ keeper?” In a society that was all focused on self, Paul had to \_\_\_\_\_ the trends of the day to \_\_\_\_\_ gentiles to a saving knowledge of the grace of Christ, and keep a growing Christian church from falling \_\_\_\_\_ to its old ways. In the changing norms of today’s culture, we will study another principle regarding identity, and how much the \_\_\_\_\_ temple means to Christ. Let us pray!

### **My Body; His Temple**

1. What \_\_\_\_\_ practices dominated the cultural context at Corinth? *1 Co. 5:1; 6:9-11*
2. Why did Paul warn against the \_\_\_\_\_ done to the body? *1 Co. 3:16&17*
3. What sacred truth are we to understand about \_\_\_\_\_ a temple? *1 Co. 6:19&20*
4. What other practices break the \_\_\_\_\_ of what we do to the body? *Multiple Verses*
5. What was the price *paid* to \_\_\_\_\_ us *back* and who paid it? *1 Pet. 1:18 & 19; Is 43:1*
6. Why did Christ pay such a \_\_\_\_\_ for His people, His church? *Eph. 5:25-27*

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God calls for men who will bear a living testimony for Him; men who realize that they have been purchased at an infinite price; that the world of which they form part has cost the life of the Son of God. He wants His church to be composed of faithful witnesses, who will be a spectacle unto the world, to angels and to men. Will you not, then, my brother, my sister, arouse, and search the Scriptures for yourselves; not only to make sure that your doctrines are correct, but to learn how you may live more fully to the glory of God; how you may save souls for whom Christ has died? ...In our lives we must learn to show forth the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness into His [marvelous] light.

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***Will you pledge today by God’s grace, to Glorify Him in your body and mind?***