

Know ye not? Members of Christ

"Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ?" - 1 Corinthians 6:15

"Know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body?" - 1 Corinthians 6:16

"Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost...?" - 1 Corinthians 6:19

1. You are righteous in Christ (Review)

- a. The unrighteous do not inherit the kingdom of God. (1 Cor 6:9)
- b. This truth should be evident, God's wrath is against the unrighteous. (Rom 1:18)
- c. If you are in Christ, you have imputed righteousness. (Rom 4:5, 24-25)
- d. Your position and inheritance is entirely because of Christ. (Eph 5:5-12, Col 1:12)
- e. Neither yield your members as instruments of unrighteousness. (Rom 6:13)

2. Know ye not? You are members of Christ body • 1 Corinthians 6:15

- a. This calls out your complete position in the body of Christ.
 - i. The mystery now revealed: The church, the body of Christ. (Eph 1:18-23)
 - ii. Marriage is repeatedly used as an example of Christ and the body. Why? Because the body is one. (Eph 5:30-32)
 - iii. A new creature, no Jew nor Gentile. You are not Israel, nor do you replace Israel. (Gal 3:28-29)
- b. If you are Christ's body, why would you desire to join Christ to a harlot? To unrighteousness?

3. Know ye not? Joining to another body is fornication • 1 Corinthians 6:16

- a. The same question:
 - i. Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? (Rom 6:1)
 - ii. Shall I take the members of Christ, and make them members of an harlot? (1 Cor 6:15)
- b. The same answer:
 - i. **God forbid.** How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? (This is entirely contrary to who we are in Christ!)
 - ii. **God forbid.** Know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? (This is entirely contrary to who we are in Christ!)
- c. Fornication is against your own body. This is to say, it damages you. Spiritually, why would you damage and defile the temple of God (that you are)? (1 Cor 6:19, 3:15-17)
- d. One body with God, One spirit with God. (1 Cor 6:20, 2 Cor 6:14)

4. Ye are not your own.

- a. God has purchased you/the body (the redemption here is from the bondage of corruption). (Eph 1:13-14, Rom 8:23)
- b. The church was purchased by His own blood. (Acts 20:28)
- c. Christ gave himself for us. (Eph 5:2, Rom 5:8)
- d. You belong to Christ. Glorify God in your body and spirit. (1 Cor 6:20)