

Bible Study Outline

Topic: The Dwelling Place.

Text: 1 Corinthians 6: 19-20, 2 Corinthians 6: 16.

What does the “*dwelling place*” mean?

Dwelling means to live, to reside, to linger, to remain, to reside.

Place means an area one occupies.

Therefore, a dwelling place is an area where one resides, lives, remains.

According to the above scriptures, the dwelling place is where God resides which is our temple.

Since creation, there had been various places for God to dwell. First, it was in the garden of Eden with man and when man sinned, God had to dwell in the temple, then God became man and dwelled amongst us. After the death and resurrection of Jesus, God could no longer dwell with us physically so he sent his spirit to us. The spirit of God now dwells in no place other than our body.

Is my body mine?

1 Corinthians 6:19

No, every believer loses control over their body when they become saved. God becomes the sole proprietor of our body. It is the dwelling place of the Holy spirit. God does not own the body of just anybody. He owns those who have with been bought with a price (those who are saved)

How does that affect me?

1 Corinthians 6: 20a

Since God dwells inside of me, I must glorify God with my body. As established earlier, our body is no longer ours. It now belongs to God, so everything we do with our body must be according to his will (to him and for him alone). Acts 17:28: for in him we live, and move, and have our being.

Why should I glorify God with my body?

1 Corinthians 6: 19a, Romans 12:1.

Glorifying God with my body is a response to his sacrifice of love. ***For we are bought at a price*** God only dwells in a body that belongs to him along and a body that glorifies his name. Since God dwells inside of us, we cannot afford to use our temple anyhow.

How can I glorify God with my body?

1 Corinthians 6:16a says: what agreement hath the temple of God with idols?

A temple that will glorify God must not have anything to do with idols. Idols do not necessarily mean wooden gods. Idols are those things that seem to be take the place of God in our lives. They are things we esteem more important than God. A person's idol could be his wrist watch (Ohhh! If I don't wear my wrist watch, I will die), phone, etc. A believer's temple must have nothing to do with Idols. Nothing must take the place of God in our lives (Exodus 20:3).

Conclusion: As Christians, we should constantly remind ourselves that God lives inside of us and we must glorify him with our body.