

You Belong To God

An encounter with Jesus changes you. A genuine experience with Jesus the son of God changes our lives.

God's kingdom dwells in us. God's presence lives in us. We belong to Jesus.

Why? Because we have been bought with a price - the precious blood of Jesus. When Jesus died on the cross He paid a total price for a total redemption. He did not redeem part of you but all of you. Therefore you become a dwelling place for God presence, a carrier of the very presence of Jesus. So you do not belong to yourself but you belong to God.

1Cor 6:19_You should know that your body is a temple for the Holy Spirit that you received from God and that lives in you. You don't own yourselves.

We don't own ourselves because somebody bought us. When somebody buys you, you, are not your own. Jesus has bought you with His blood. You cannot belong to the Lord and yourself.

You belong to Jesus. Vs20. Tells that we have been *bought with a price* (the precious blood of Jesus), therefore (because of the price that has been paid for you) glorify (honour) God in your body [God paid a very high price to make you his. So honour God with your body.]

Many today say they have a right to their body and as such they think they can do whatever they feel is right for them and so they try to abuse it and distort it and tattoo it and subject the body to various forms of lust and sinful things... not realising that their body was created by God and given by him in which He dwells.

As a believer your body is a temple for the Holy Spirit who lives in you. A life that has been transformed and touched by Jesus will have a body that has been purified and set apart for the purpose of God as a dwelling place for Him.

You cannot subject your body to sin and profess to be a believer. The two are not compatible. When you have had a genuine touch or encounter with Jesus, your mind, emotions and what you want to do will be aligned to God's Mind and emotions and to what God wants to do in your life.

A life touched by Jesus is a life dedicated and committed to Jesus. Living that life then becomes your priority and your joy because you want to please the Father in everything you do.

Jesus died for the whole of you - spirit soul and body - the spirit influence the soul (thoughts, feelings, will) and the soul influences the actions of the body. This is divine order and there is no chaos.

If you allow feelings and thoughts to get the better of you then your body will not act in a disciplined way. That is why scripture talks about taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ 2 Cor10:5 Bring your thought life in obedience to Jesus, bring it under the blood of Jesus. Many struggle in their thought life.

Maybe you are struggling with your thoughts that are sinful - Jesus can set you free right now. Paul talks about not yielding or subjecting this body to deeds of unrighteousness.

Rom: 6:13 *Don't offer the parts of your body to serve sin. Don't use your bodies to do evil, but offer yourselves to God, as people who have died and now live. Offer the parts of your body to God to be used for doing good.*

God wants our bodies to be healthy and strong, effective and active because they belong to Him. We are Christ's body here on earth. We are his instruments that he chooses to use. We have got to keep our body in good condition not in a broken sinful state.

When we alive unto God, we are dead to sin and our sinful nature has been redeemed with the blood of Jesus, we should no longer want to pursue our old plans or desires or our self centred goals. We should now want to live to please Jesus and listen to what he says do what He has called us to do.

Because you belong to Jesus (Paid for by His blood) the Devil has no hold over you, neither has he any say in your life unless you give him permission to do so. You carry the seal of the Master, Jesus by the Holy Spirit as our guarantor.

2Cor 1:22 *He put his mark on us to show that we are his. Yes, he put his Spirit in our hearts as the first payment that guarantees all that he will give us.*

The Holy Spirit guarantees: that we belong to God; we will receive all His benefits (Eph1:13-14); that salvation is ours; we will receive so much more when Christ comes again.

The greatest comfort and power the Holy Spirit gives us in the here and now is a foretaste or a down payment of the benefits of our eternal life in God's presence. With this privilege of belonging to God comes responsibility of identifying ourselves as His faithful servants. Don't be ashamed to tell people that you belong to God, you are His. *1Peter1:16-19 (cev/erv)*

Maybe you've subjected your body to the worship of idols, got involved in witchcraft and occult practices and defiled God's dwelling place - today you can walk free be delivered from every entanglement to sin.

You can be made whole... Now !