

BOUGHT WITH A PRICE

Tomorrow (Sunday, 09/12) we continue our series in the book of 1 Corinthians (6:12-20). The Apostle Paul wrote this to the church he had founded while on his second missionary journey.

The book of 1 Corinthians is vitally important for today. Within his letter the Apostle Paul reminded the church of their holy calling. And, expounded the truth that each member of the body of Christ must live a life separated from the world and unto God.

In chapter six, the Apostle was appalled at the reports of what was taking place in the church. They were tolerant of sin, suing one another in court and taking their liberty in Christ and turning it into a license to sin.

Paul chastised the church for misconstruing the meaning of God's grace and Christian liberty. He explained that liberty in Christ pertained to those things that were not immoral. He emphasized this by listing the sins that God did not give them the liberty to practice. He wrote, *"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God"* (1 Corinthians 6:9-10).

The church needed to understand that God had purchased them with the precious blood of His Son. He had done that so they would be set free from the tyranny of sin, and because of that great and selfless sacrifice, they needed to live a life that

was set apart unto Him. A life that would bring glory and honor to the name of Jesus Christ.

As we go through this passage, may the Lord grant to us the revelation of the great price He paid, so we would be set free from the penalty and power of sin. And, when He returns, for the church, we will be set free, for all eternity, from the presence of sin.

I've entitled our series, in 1 Corinthians, "*Living Upright in a Fallen World*". It is my prayer the Holy Spirit will ignite a fire in our hearts. And, a desire to burn brightly, for Him, in a world that is desperate to know the power of the Gospel.

Look forward to our time together. Please pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the entire Calvary Chapel family.

There are several opportunities for worship. On campus (10:00am), drive-in church (92.1fm), and online (Facebook and YouTube: Calvary Inverness)

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