

The header features a dark teal background on the left with white geometric shapes: a square, a triangle, and a line. A large, light pink cross is positioned behind the text. To the right, a black silhouette of a head is filled with a grid of small squares in white, orange, and purple. Further right, a vertical column of white geometric shapes (circles, triangles, squares) is visible. The text 'The Gospel & Relationships' is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font, with 'The Gospel' in light pink and '& Relationships' in black. Below the text, there are two overlapping circles, one purple and one yellow, and a dotted pattern on the right side.

# The Gospel & Relationships

**JANUARY 15, 2023 / A HOLY BODY / 1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20**

*THE SECOND HALF OF 1 CORINTHIANS 6 IS THE CENTRAL TEXT ON CHRISTIAN SEXUAL ETHICS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT. THE SUBJECT THAT LAUNCHES THIS DISCUSSION IS THE PRACTICE BY SOME MEN IN THIS CONGREGATION OF VISITING PROSTITUTES—A LEGAL PRACTICE IN ANCIENT CORINTH AND WIDELY ACCEPTED IN THEIR SOCIETY. THE APOSTLE PAUL TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE GOSPEL AND WHAT IT MEANS AS A BELIEVER TO HONOR GOD WITH OUR BODIES.*

**READ 1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20**

1. What is your understanding of the Bible's view on sex? How does it differ from the view of the present culture?
2. What is the fundamental misunderstanding about sex that the Apostle seeks to correct here (1 Corinthians 6:13)?
3. What is the Bible's teaching about the body in terms of our salvation (1 Corinthians 6:14)? (see Romans 8:11,23, Philipians 3:20-21; 1 Thessalonians 5:23)
4. What is the Apostle saying here about the true nature of sex as God has designed it (1 Corinthians 6:16) (see Ephesians 5:28-31)
5. What does it mean to honor God with your body today (1 Corinthians 6:20)? (see Romans 12:1-2)

**God and Father, I surrender myself to you today—my body, mind, hopes, and dreams.**