

HOLY VOCABULARY

Sanctified // 1 Corinthians 6:9-20

THE POINT: We are set apart in Christ to live holy lives.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Though we don't eat thousands of pounds of food every week like the caterpillar in other ways. We are on an endless hunt to find satisfaction for our hearts' hunger, yet we remain unsatisfied. However, we were never designed to remain hungry and unfulfilled. Instead, we were designed to live in a relationship with God through the sacrifice of Christ. We were designed to find satisfaction in Him and to live set apart from the ways of a sinful world. We were designed to become something greater. In 1 Corinthians 6, Paul sought to help us understand the process of being set apart from the rest of the world. That is what it means to be sanctified.

► **What makes you unique?**

1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-11

Before we were set apart for God's purposes, we were enslaved to sin. However, when God saves us, we are freed from sin's consequences and the Father sees us as righteous. Though we will struggle with sin as long as we're in this life, because of the cross, God attributes Jesus' righteousness to us. From there He begins the process of shaping us into the likeness of Christ. Paul listed some specific sins and reminded the Corinthians, "Some of you used to be like this." It was a humbling reminder that they were justified not by their actions, but because of Christ's death and resurrection. Paul was also sending a warning that their lives should no longer look like their old ways of living. We are sanctified and set apart from the old way of life. In sin, we will only find death. But in Jesus, we find life. Therefore, when we are made alive in Christ, everything changes!

- **How would you describe your life before you met Jesus?**
- **How is your life different since following God?**

1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-17

Through the cross, Jesus set us free from slavery to sin, and we are free to refuse sin. However, some in the Corinthian church wrongly took that freedom to mean they were free to sin. Paul referenced a statement that the Corinthian believers were likely using to rationalize their immorality in verse 13. Just like we are free to eat food, because we need it for our bodies, the Corinthians viewed sexual pleasure in the same way. They thought neither had anything to do with our spiritual lives. But Paul knew different. Christians are not one with the world and its way of thinking, but we are one with Christ. We are set apart, and our actions should reflect that.

- **What are some benefits of being united with Christ? What are the responsibilities?**
- **What are the priorities and goals of someone who is one with Christ?**

1 CORINTHIANS 6:18-20

It's important that we understand we cannot flee aimlessly from sin, but we must consider where we're running. Following Christ means repenting—to turn around. When we face temptation, fleeing involves turning away from the sin and running directly to Christ. Paul instructed Timothy to "flee from these things, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness" (1 Tim. 6:11). We are to reject worldliness and, instead, pursue the sanctified life. Fleeing sin—specifically sexual immorality, particularly in our culture—may seem like a challenge, but it is not insurmountable. However, we never face temptations alone. God has promised that the Holy Spirit is always with us, providing the strength and wisdom necessary to live in obedience to God.

- **List a few practical ways you can flee from sin.**
- **How can Christians live set apart for God in today's culture?**



LIVE IT OUT

Unit 1 // Session 5

> CHRIST

We were never designed to remain ravenous, greedy caterpillars. God intends for us to be satisfied in Him and set apart for a greater purpose. This transformation occurs as we pursue our relationship with Christ every day.

> **How are you pursuing Christ every day?**

> **What will you do this week to foster this process of sanctification?**

> **This week, memorize 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.**

> COMMUNITY

Proverbs 13:20 teaches us that, when we spend time with wise people, we ourselves become wise. One of the best ways to grow in Christlikeness is to spend time with others who love Jesus and live like Him.

> **Who are you spending time with that helps you to be more like Jesus?**

> **How do you need to change the ways you spend your time, particularly with others?**

> **How will you help someone else this week to grow in Christlikeness?**

> CULTURE

Though we live “in” the world, we are not “of” the world (John 15:19; 17:14). This means the ways we live are to be clearly different than those who aren’t followers of Jesus. This is what it means to be sanctified and set apart.

> **When has a non-believer taken notice of the ways you live?**

> **How will you use this to point others to Jesus?**