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BODY PIERCIING

There is much debate among Christians as to whether body piercing or tattooing is something that a Christian should do. I have heard both sides of it. I have seen people with no tattoos or piercings be very harsh and pharisaically legalistic against those that have both, and I have seen people with both tattoos and body piercings that love the Lord with all their heart. I choose not to condemn those that have done both.

There is a body piercing that goes way beyond any body piercing that we could imagine. There is a scripture in Zechariah 12:10 that says, ***“And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first born.”*** This scripture is quoted in John 19:37: ***“And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they have pierced.”***

This scripture was partially fulfilled in John, when Jesus was crucified, and it will be fulfilled completely when Jesus comes again. It is mentioned in Revelation 1:7, ***“Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.”***

This body piercing was an absolute necessity to fulfill scripture. Without Jesus’ taking those piercing there would be no fulfillment of scripture. There is no debate in this “body piercing.” It was done for all mankind.

Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit, and as such we must choose to take care of our bodies where the Holy Spirit lives. We can’t undo tattoos that were already there before Holy Spirit moved in, but I believe we should really pray about adding anything to our bodies whether tattoos or piercings that would devalue our temples. Will it cause us to not be Christians? No, but it may hinder our testimony. I would say use everything that was done in your past as a testimony to the Lord’s work in your life. Let your life reflect Jesus and reflect the piercings that he took rather than having it be all about you. Your choice. I have family members with tattoos, and I do not condemn them. I love them unconditionally.