

Pamphlet #6

The Body Is the Temple



1 Cor.6:19 “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you...You are not your own.

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If you keep up with your readings, you should complete this pamphlet within 2 weeks and then mail it to The G2G Foundation Inc. P.O. Box 472515 Miami, FL 33247. Wish you well in your studies. Upon completion you may receive a certificate

Day 1

Do you have a tattoo or are you thinking about getting a tattoo? Do you know anyone who has a tattoo? Are you considering tattooing a religious symbol or of a loved one's name to your body? Before you get that tattoo here is some information you need to know.

Today, it seems as though the cool thing to do is get a tattoo. Many people are putting tattoos all over their bodies. They put them in visible places and some in not so visible places. Many people say they are very contagious (getting one compels you to get another).

The tattoo designs range from cartoon characters, religious symbols, to names. It is widely believed that tattooing a religious symbol on the body displays a good relationship with God, but what does the Bible (God's word) say about tattoos and body scarring or piercing?

First, did you know that Jesus called His body the temple? After Jesus cleared the temple, (Jesus cleansed the temple because the people were selling things and more interested in making money than worshipping God) the religious leaders asked Jesus for evidence of His authority for cleaning the temple. Jesus answered the religious leaders by saying...

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Day 2

John 2:19 "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up".

The religious leaders thought Jesus was talking about the building they worshipped in. Jesus was not talking about the building, but He was talking about His body (John 2:21).

Why did Jesus classify His body as the temple? The answer to this question is very simple. 1 Corinthians 3:16 reads that the body is the temple because God's Holy Spirit lives inside of the body of believers who commits to Jesus Christ.

*1 Cor.3:16...Do you know that you are a temple of God
and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?*

Another verse reads...

*1 Cor.6:19 Do you know that your body is a temple of the
Holy Spirit, who is in you...*

This means your body belongs to God and your body is the dwelling place for His Holy Spirit. Once you accept Christ, while maturing your relationship with God, God gives you His Holy Spirit to empower you to live according to His will. Once you receive the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ, you are a child of God (John 3:5). This means when you receive the Holy Spirit, you are considered a 'mobile church'.

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Day 3

Look at it this way. Would you go and spray paint the walls inside/outside a church or your home? Any God fearing person would answer NO! Any person caring about their home knows spray-painting their home diminishes the property value. One would not do this because they have respect for the church building. People believe that the building (the church) is God's house and the presence of God dwells inside. The building should be shown respect.

Apply this reasoning to your body and acknowledge your body as the temple of God. The Holy Spirit lives in our body, we can classify the body as the church. The body with the Holy Spirit houses God's presence. When you tattoo your body, you are spray painting God's house (the mobile church).

Another text you should consider before getting a tattoo is Leviticus 19:28. It reads...

Do not cut your bodies for the dead or put tattoo marks on yourselves I am the Lord.

This verse should clearly discourage any person living their life to please God from tattooing their body. This verse also refers to body piercing.

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Day 4

God does not want His children puncturing holes in their bodies for vanity purposes. Body piercing is another process that causes the skin to bleed when it is punctured. This can be compared to throwing a rock or a stone through a church window. The end result leaves a hole in the glass. Body piercing leaves the same results to the body. The piercing gun punctures the skin and leaves a hole.



Do you know Jesus was tattooed and his body was pierced for your sins and mine? Jesus Christ still wears the scar wounds for being crucified and pierced (John 20:27). In the same manner a nail [needle] is used to pierce the skin for tattooing. Nails punctured His skin and caused Him to bleed and have pain. John 19:34...

But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

Apart from God's command against body tattooing and body piercing, one should consider the tattoo industry is not government regulated. For example, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is a government-controlled agency that watches food produce. This makes sure companies are following government laws and guidelines for cleaning food. This is done to prevent unsafe foods and meats from entering the grocery stores.

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Day 5



No government agency monitors the tattoo industry to see whether or not they are using clean needles, if they are properly disposing needles, or if the person giving the tattoo is licensed. Puncturing the skin, needles, and blood are all part of the process for tattooing and body piercing. Since blood and needles are involved, this presents the risk for Hepatitis B and C and other infectious diseases.

Disposing needles improperly, using recycled needles, and inexperienced technicians are issues of concern for the individual receiving the tattoo. If you do your own research, notice some famous entertainers have tested positive for some of these diseases. Some have blamed tattoos for the infections.

What to Do Now?

If you have a tattoo don't panic. You probably are wondering will God punish me or will God forgive me. There is no sin God cannot forgive if one confesses their sins in Jesus name, and if the person is sincerely remorseful or sorry for what they have done. Ex.34:6,7 reads...



v:6 The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in goodness and truth, v:7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgressions, and sin...

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Day 6

If you have a tattoo it's too late to do anything about it other than going through expensive laser surgery to remove it. Now that you have an understanding, you can fight the urge to get another one.

There might be one more question you want to ask. Is it okay for me to get a cross, the name of Jesus, or any religious symbol to honor God? The answer is still NO! God doesn't want you to spray paint His dwelling place. He wants His house to be nice and clean. Here's another verse that will help answer your question.

1 Sam.15:22...Does the Lord delight in...sacrifices as much as obeying the voice of the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice.

This means you might want to please the Lord by getting a tattoo, to outwardly show your devotion to the Lord; but this is not necessary. Instead of doing that, God is much happier if you obeyed His word by keeping it in your heart and not getting a tattoo. Obedience is better than sacrifice.

If you have a tattoo don't think God won't forgive you. Chances are you didn't know this information before you got the tattoo. But now that you do, what are you going to do? "Knowing better means doing better". Share this information with a friend to help them make the right decision before getting a tattoo.

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Here's one more scripture and you decide because the Lord Jesus Christ is a God of choice...

1 Corinthians 6:20 For ye are bought with a price; glorify God in your body, and your spirit, which are God's.

Say the following prayer if you are ready to confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Personal Savior:

Heavenly Father I come before you to recognize that I am a sinner. I believe to cleanse me from all my sins. Lord I and I invite you into my heart. I accept to your will this day. I pray that you temptation. I give you thanks today. In Jesus name I prayer...Amen.



ask for forgiveness of my sins in Jesus name. I that Jesus Christ is your son and He died for me believe you rose from the dead with all power you as my Lord and personal Savior and submit keep me strong and deliver me from evil and

If you said this prayer, you are a member of the body of Christ. The Lord heard your prayer and He will keep you and guide you. Confess your conversion to a friend and find a good church home. Prayer and ask God to place someone in your life to guide you and listen to their instruction. Continue to pray, praise, and study in the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is a brief tract on tattooing and the body. If you would like more information, please write to Glory To God Ministries. P.O. Box 472515 Miami, FL 33247. Request our tract regarding the church and money matters.

Study Questions

1. The _____ is the temple for the Holy Spirit. a) body b) church
2. The _____ lives inside of my body. a) Holy Spirit b) church
3. Lev.19:28 says _____. a) do not beat the body b) do not put tattoos on your body
4. Tattoos puts the body at risk for _____. a) Hepatitis B & C b) losing blessings

True or False

5. Jesus was wounded and pierced for the sins of the world.
6. _____ cannot seek forgiveness after I commit sin.

Yes or No

7. Are you saved (if no see page 7)?

Mail your answer sheet to Glory To God Ministries P.O. Box 472515 Miami, FL 33247-2515. We will send you more material to encourage you to mature your relationship with the Lord.

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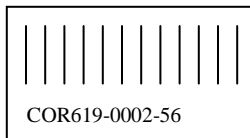
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Remember Pro.18:21 “Death and Life are in the power of the tongue”.



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