

1Co 6:9-20 – *Fornication is sin!*

Context - “fornication” / “body” words ...

[v9] neither **fornicators**, nor idolaters, nor **adulterers**, nor **effeminate**, nor **homosexuals** ...
[v13] Yet the **body** is not for **immorality**, but for the Lord; and the Lord is for the **body**. ... [v15] your **bodies** are members of Christ...make them members of a **prostitute**? ... [v16] joins himself to a **prostitute** is one **body** with her ...
[v18] Flee **immorality**. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the **body**, but the **immoral man** sins against his own **body**. [v19] your **body** is a temple of the Holy Spirit ...
[v20] glorify God in your **body**.

Larger context - chps 5-6

- **5:1-13** - What to do with the fornicator
- **6:1-8** - Reconciling the injured parties
- **6:9-20** - Fornication is sin!

"immorality" / "fornication"? vv15,16

**"All things are
lawful for me"**

Not true!

vv9-10 ...

figurative

language

Dialogue

- **Habakkuk**
 - **1:2 Habakkuk**
 - **1:5 Lord**
 - **1:12 Habakkuk**
 - **2:2 Lord**
- (Isa 63:1-3; 1Co 8:1-9)**
- >Licentious gnosticism<**

Suggested dialogue ... (Mark in Bible with "G" "P")

12a Gnostic *All things are lawful (i.e. sex. desires)*

12b Paul's res. *But not all things are profitable*

12c Gnostic *All things are lawful*

12d Paul's res. *But I will not be mastered by any*

13a Gnostic *Food/Stomach; God do away with them*

13b Paul's res. *Body for the Lord; Lord for the body*

18a Gnostic *Every sin is outside the body*

18b Paul's res. *Immoral man sins against his body*

Eight arguments against fornication

1. **v9-10** Fornicators **not inherit** the kingdom of God
2. **v11** You were **cleansed** from these kind of practices
3. **v12b** Fornication is **not profitable, helpful**
4. **v12d** Must be in **control** of your passions
5. **v13-14** Body **for the Lord** and He will raise it
6. **v15-17** Body used in accord with the **will of Christ**
7. **v18** Fornication is **SIN** against the body
8. **v19-20** Body is a **temple of the Holy Spirit**

1Co 6:20

“Glorify God in your body”