

## 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

<sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup> for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

## 2 Corinthians 6:16-18

<sup>16</sup> What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,

“I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them,  
and I will be their God,  
and they shall be my people.

<sup>17</sup> Therefore go out from their midst,  
and be separate from them, says the Lord,  
and touch no unclean thing;

then I will welcome you,  
<sup>18</sup> and I will be a father to you,  
and you shall be sons and daughters to me,  
says the Lord Almighty.”

## Temple of the Living God

In the Old Testament, God dwelled among His people in the temple. Israel knew that God’s presence was with them in the Holy of Holies, a special, curtained-off space in the temple that no one could enter, except the high priest once a year. The high priest had to undergo special cleansing to even go into the Holy of Holies because God’s presence was so sacred. Have you ever wondered where God’s presence dwells now?

1. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 and 2 Corinthians 6:16-18 and mark every reference to **temple** with a box.

**Reflect:** Where is God’s temple today? Who dwells within us? How is that possible?

**Reflect:** What commands does God give concerning this temple? Read the passages again and underline them.

2. Read the verses again. Put a triangle over every reference to **God** (including pronouns).

**Reflect:** What do you learn about God? What promises does God make to His people in these verses?

How amazing that those who belong to God are now His temple! How can sinful humans be the temple that the living God promised to dwell in? Jesus Christ redeemed us and cleansed us from our sin, giving us His righteousness. Remember – we were bought with a price! Because we have Christ’s holiness, the Spirit can now dwell within us. This is part of our new identity! So how are you viewing your body? As the temple of the living God? Spend a few minutes worshipping God for making His dwelling place in you!