

Notes for January 14, 2024
I Corinthians 6: 12-20
“Belonging to God”

Do our leaders need to be worthy in order for our Sacraments, baptism and the Lord’s Table to be valid?

1. Going beyond the minimum required
Not just hoping for Salvation waiting after death.
Not “How much can I get by with?”
God’s creation is for the purpose of living well here with God and others.
Seeking the best. “Not everything is good for you.” *I Cor. 6:12*
2. The freedom no one wants: Freedom to be good
How to have standards of belief, thought, action.
Dangers of passivity, legalism, pride and pettiness
Dangers of carelessness, permissiveness, lack of vision
Humility in a good life
3. Life together as Christ’s body.
Leadership by people who belong to God.
Every Christian belongs to God.
4. Specific issue of sexuality as different from all other appetites.
Corinth as a seaport with a wild reputation.
Teaching of the Bible on the mystery of sexuality.
5. Continually moving toward living in a way that is free, leads to lasting joy which is fellowship with God and other people, for the glory of God.