Reflection Questions for October 25, 2009
The Dysfunction of Sexual Immorality: 1 Corinthians 5, 6:9–20

1. In chapter five, Paul identifies the behavior of a man as particularly sinful. What is the behavior and why do you suppose Paul is so upset with both the man and the rest of the Corinthian Church?

2. What measures does Paul order the Corinthian church to take against the man discussed in chapter five? Are such measures appropriate for churches to take today?

3. In 1 Cor 6:9–10, Paul lists a number of lifestyles not characteristic of a walk with Christ. What are these, and what characteristics do they share?

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4. In 1 Cor 6:11, Paul mentions the Corinthians being "washed," "sanctified" and "justified." To what do these words refer, and how are they to affect the Corinthians' behavior?

5. In 1 Cor 6:12, why do you think Paul quotes the saying, "All things are Lawful for me"? Does he seem to agree or disagree with this statement?

6. In chastising some Corinthians for engaging prostitutes, Paul argues that Christians' bodies are "members of Christ" and a "temple of the Holy Spirit" (6:15–19). How does this position make sexual sins (and other sins of the body) more egregious than would otherwise be the case?