

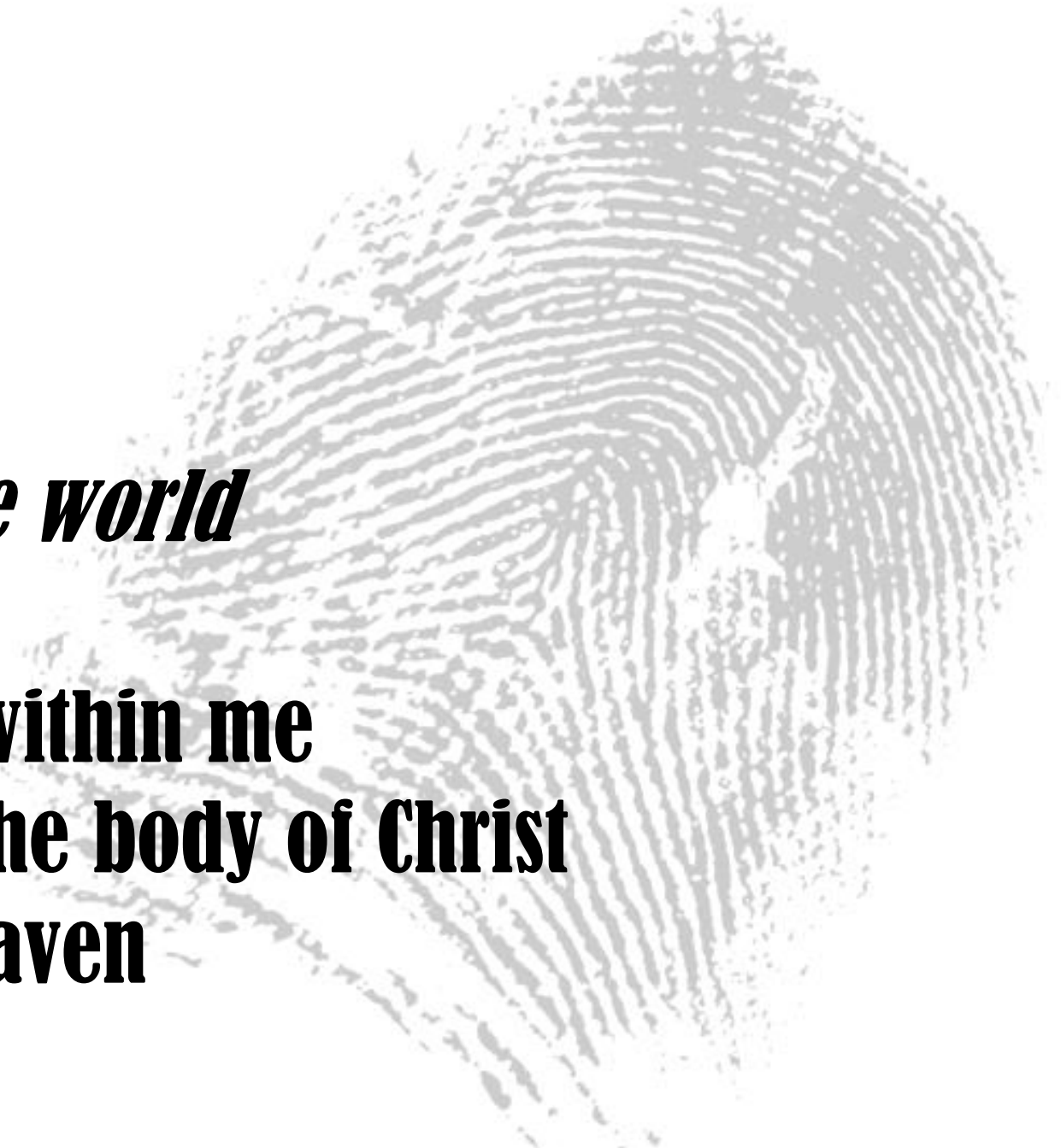


Identity

I Belong to God

Identity

- *I am forgiven*
- *I am God's child*
- *I am the light of the world*
- **I belong to God**
- **I have God's Spirit within me**
- **I am a member of the body of Christ**
- **I am a citizen of heaven**



1 Corinthians 6:12-20

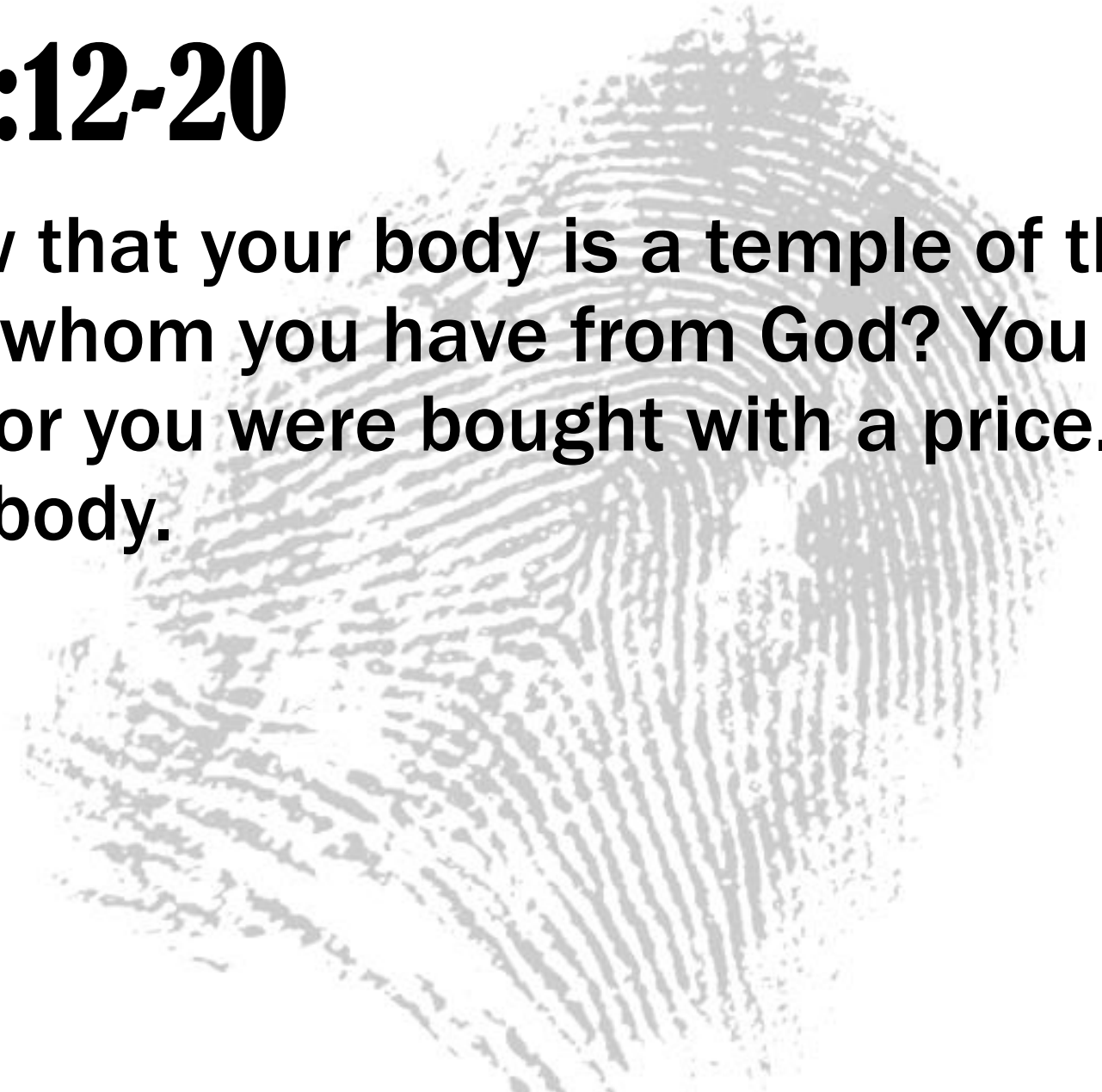
12 “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. **13** “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. **14** And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! **16** Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” **17** But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. **18** Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

19 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, 20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.



We Have Been Bought with a Price

“You are not your own, for you were bought with a price.”

Christ paid a high price to REDEEM us.

Trusting Christ as Savior has implications not only for our eternity, but for our present life.

Our Bodies are Under Christ's Authority

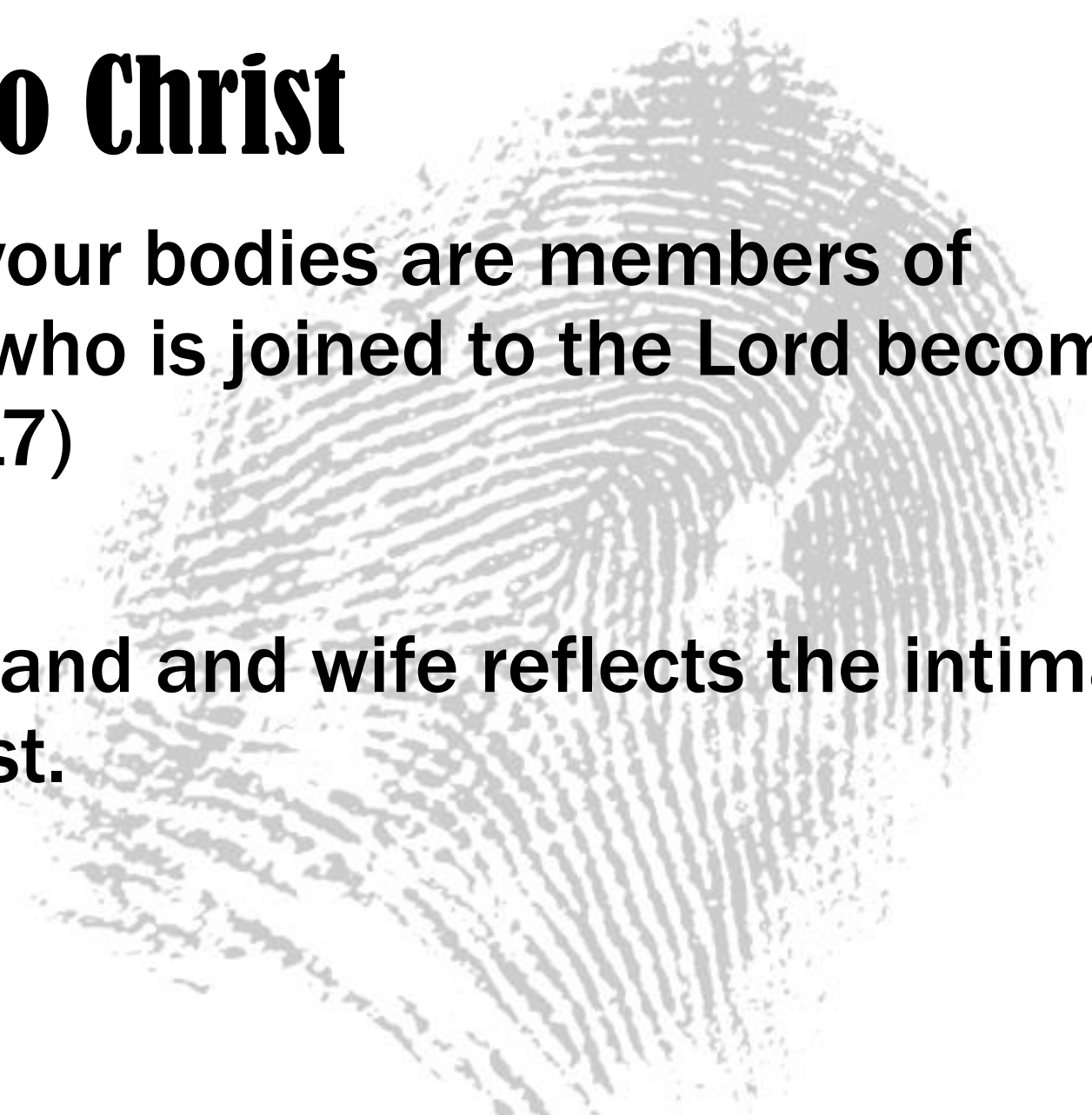
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Our bodies (our entire lives) are under Christ's authority. What we do “in the body” is significant.

We are Joined to Christ

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? (v15)... But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. (v17)

The intimacy of a husband and wife reflects the intimacy that we have with Christ.



Our Bodies are the Temple of God's Spirit

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? (v19)

The temple...

- **Was set apart and dedicated to God.**
- **Belonged to God. It was His possession.**
- **Was the place His Spirit dwelt.**

Final Challenge

19 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, 20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Glorify – honor, respect, bring praise.

Are you glorifying God with your whole life?