



**CHRIST CHURCH**  
**GREENBANK**

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**The gospel  
and  
your body**

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# Big teach 1

## FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE

### 1. Your body is a gift

- It's not accidental

*For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.*

*I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. (Ps. 139:13-14)*

- It's not incidental

## 2. Your body is sexual

- Gender Identity and Gen. 1:27

## 3. Your body is you

The body isn't everything

*"The Lord does not look at things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." (1 Sam. 16:7)*

The body isn't nothing

## Some implications

- Be thankful
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Be present: recognize the importance of being physically there

*I have much to write to you, but I do not want to use paper and ink. Instead, I hope to visit you and talk with you face to face, so that our joy may be complete. (2 John 12)*

*We came to Rome. The brothers there had heard that we were coming, and they travelled with us as far as the Forum of Appius and the Three Taverns to meet us. At the sight of these men Paul thanked God and was encouraged. (Acts 28:14b-15)*

# Big teach 2

## LIVING WITH BROKEN BODIES

### 1. The body's brokenness

- Infirmary

*For the creation was subjected to frustration (Rom. 8:20)*

- Shame

*All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. (1 Cor. 6:18)*

*I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it (Rev. 2:17)*

- Idolatry

*Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting. (Prov. 31:31)*

*Like a gold ring in a pig's snout is a beautiful woman who shows no discretion. (Prov. 11:22)*

- Gender dysphoria / transgender

*"What comes out of a person is what defiles them. For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come" (Mark 7:20-21)*

## 2. The body's hope

- The gospel prompts genuine compassion

- The gospel offers genuine hope

- Not in our body...
  
- ...but in Christ's

*But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation (Col. 1:22)*

*He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him... Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. (Is. 53:2-3)*

*God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Cor. 5:21)*

# Big teach 3

## A TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

### 1. Bought by God's Son

*Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. <sup>19</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? (1 Cor. 6:18-19)*

*You are not your own; <sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your bodies. (1 Cor. 6:19-20)*

## 2. Given to God's service

### (a) Disciplining our bodies

*<sup>26</sup> Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. <sup>27</sup> No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize. (1 Cor. 9:26-27)*

### (b) Stewarding our bodies

*<sup>29</sup> After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church. (Eph. 5:29)*

*<sup>8</sup> For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things. (1 Tim. 4:8)*

### (c) Offering our bodies

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God. (Rom. 12:1)*

*Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. (Rom. 6:13)*

### 3. Awaiting God's perfecting

*We wait eagerly for the redemption of our bodies (Rom. 8:23)*