

# DECISION TIME

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## John 2:13-22

13 Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. 15 When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. 16 And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!" 17 Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten[a] Me up." [b] 18 So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?" 19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" 21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body. 22 Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them, [c] and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

## 1 Corinthians 6:19

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

Do you not know that your body is the temple, the very sanctuary of the Holy Spirit who lives within you, whom you have received as a gift from God? You are not your own. You were bought with a price, purchased with a preciousness and paid for and made His own. So then, honor God and bring glory to Him in your body. *Amplified Translation.*

These Scriptures establish the truth that once a person commits to a personal relationship with the God of the universe through the blood of Jesus, they become the temple of the Holy Spirit because He lives in them. Once that commitment is made, you no longer belong to yourself. The Church doesn't understand this concept. If they did, there would not be the same issues in believers that plague unbelievers. What issues am I talking about? Pride. Unforgiveness. Bitterness. Yes, even hatred, which hate means 'to love less'. Jealousy and envy. Selfishness. These internal issues lead to the external issues seen in anger, rage, bad attitudes,

violence, gluttony, drunkenness, fornication and adultery, lying and deception. There is NO place for these issues in the person who has given their life to Jesus Christ.

### **John 2:1-10**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do *it*." <sup>6</sup> Now there were set there six water pots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the water pots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> And He said to them, "Draw *some* out now, and take *it* to the master of the feast." And they took *it*. <sup>9</sup> When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. <sup>10</sup> And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the *guests* have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!"

When the wine was all gone, Mary went to Jesus with the problem. Jesus told her plainly that it was not time to reveal His power. But her faith made a pull on that power!

He saw her faith in the statement, "Whatever He tells you to do, do it." Faith turned that water into wine!

### **John 2:13-16**

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Now, in verse 13 Jesus has gone to Jerusalem for Passover. Notice the first thing that He does. He cleanses the temple! His first work in you is to cleanse the temple—you!

### **Galatians 5:19-26**

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, [a]fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions,

jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, [b] drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you

beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us

not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Our God is jealous over us. He doesn't want to share His space with anything or anyone! You are HIS temple and nothing belongs in there except Him and His things. Instead of your spirit being in charge of your soul and body, the Holy Spirit should be directing your motives, your thoughts and your actions. Instead of old issues driving your behavior, there should be God's characteristics manifesting in your conduct. It's decision time folks! I'm not talking about salvation. I'm talking about Kingdom living. We are either ALL in or we are not in at all! You are either hot or cold. Lukewarm is distasteful to our God. There's no riding the fence. To experience Kingdom living here and now you must hold nothing back. Throw open all the doors to the secret chambers of your heart and let the Light in and clean it out. There's freedom in being totally transparent.

*[All Scripture is from the New King James version unless otherwise noted]*