

My body is a temple of the Holy Ghost

1 Cor 6:19 *What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which we have of God, and ye are not your own?*

Rom. 12:1 *I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service,*

I fully anticipated my gender transition to female would lead to a happy and harmonious new life filled with inner peace and tranquility. Unfortunately internal happiness and harmony was not to be; I continually struggled with many issues including loneliness, insecurity, inferiority complexes, paranoia and deep depression. I was dismayed to find myself wishing an end to my misery; I wasn't supposed to be wretched!

I began considering God's word over secular proclamations of diversity, inclusiveness and tolerance. Through the Scriptures I found out my unease and paranoia was the product of laboring under the heavy burden of sin and guilt. God's Holy Spirit was showing me that my living as a female was unsustainable despite hormones, surgery, and legal identity change. I had squandered my life in a vain attempt to alter my creation and rebelled against a holy and righteous God. Additionally, the consequences of my actions had affected many, including family, loved ones, friends, and society.

The Lord led me to understand that my body is a temple of the Holy Spirit; it belongs to God and I am to present my body a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God. I was led to the cross of Christ and to repentance for my many sins. The Lord Jesus Christ by His grace and mercy saved me from the guilt and power of sin and gave me the assurance of eternal life. I am now eating the bread of God's word, rooted and grounded in His absolute truth, and thankful for God's many blessings in my life including my male birth sex. The Lord is my Leader, the faithful Shepherd who leads His flock the right way through the wilderness. -- *John*