

Should Christians get tattoos? By Erica Jermanus

Is getting a tattoo considered a sin? Should Christians get tattoos? What does the Bible say about it?

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Introduction

In this book, I talk about what the Bible says about getting tattoos and piercings and if it is considered a sin. I also talk about the origin and meaning behind some tattoos. I talk about how some tattoos have demonic origins, such as witchcraft or pagan worship. In addition, I talk about how people regret getting them and want to get them removed. I talk about how to get a tattoo removed and if it is a painful process. Furthermore, I talk about how getting a tattoo does not define you and how it is a reminder of what God has brought you through.

Chapter 1: Is it a sin for a Christian to get a tattoo or piercing? What does the Bible say about it?

What does the Bible say about getting tattoos and piercings? Is it a sin? Should Christians get them? Here are a few verses from the Bible about this topic.

Leviticus 19:28 says, "Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the Lord." This verse was written in the Old Testament under the old covenant and may not apply to us today. We are under a new covenant now.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 says, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

So our bodies are sacred and holy because the Holy Spirit lives in us believers, and believers are to take good care of the bodies that God has given them. One of the ways that we can do that is by honoring the body or temple that God has given us, whether we decide to

get a tattoo or piercing or not. We can still choose to honor and respect our bodies.

What matters most is our heart and motive behind why we are getting the tattoos and piercings. Are you doing it to win the approval of men and because everyone else is getting them, so you feel you need to also? Maybe you are getting the piercings and tattoos because you feel pressured by others to get them. Maybe your friends and your family members are getting these tattoos and piercings and are pressuring you into getting them too.

Others want to get tattoos and piercings because they want to look sexy or good-looking in the eyes of men. They think that tattoos and piercings are going to attract men and women. Men and women get them so that they can look good to others. But if that is the reason why you are getting the tattoos and piercings, then you have the wrong heart motive. Our motive should be to please God and not men. Our motive should be to look good in the eyes of God and not men. Jesus Christ is the one we will answer to on the day of

judgment. We will give an account of our thoughts, words, and actions at the end of our lives.

Getting a tattoo or a piercing is not necessarily a sin in and of itself. The Bible does not say that it is a sin and that you should not do it. But what matters is our heart motives and posture behind why we are doing it. Many people get tattoos because it makes them feel more confident about themselves, or maybe because the tattoos have a specific meaning as a reminder.

A person may get a tattoo because a parent or relative passed away in the family, and so they are getting the tattoo as a remembrance of that person in their life. They want to keep the memory of that person alive. Even though after a person dies, the memory of the person goes away or fades with time. But that person will leave a legacy behind by the way they served the Lord Jesus Christ and his purpose in their life.

Another reason a person may get a tattoo is because they battled a sickness or disease and fought and won the battle and are celebrating the victory of overcoming that sickness or disease. Another reason people get

tattoos is because they are Christians and they want to get bible verses tattooed on their bodies as reminders of God's word and truth.

Then, there are some people that get tattoos inked on their bodies when they are dating and in relationships. Then, they end up breaking up with that person and later regret getting the tattoo because it is a constant reminder of that person from their past. There are people that get tattoos on their bodies when they are unbelievers before they get saved.

Some of the tattoos are really bad, like cuss words or the devil's name or something like that. They live with a constant state of regret because the tattoos remind them of their past and of evil things or sin. But it is also a reminder of what God has brought them through. It is a reminder of their salvation and how God has so graciously redeemed their life.

What about piercings? Is it a sin for Christians to pierce themselves or their bodies? Like I said before, it all depends on the heart motive behind why a person is getting the piercing in the first place. Not everyone has

the same convictions from the Holy Spirit. Some Christians do not feel convicted by the Holy Spirit to not get a tattoo or a piercing, and some do feel convicted. But we should not force our convictions on others. Because everyone is at different places in their lives and in different seasons. God may still be working on someone else's heart, changing them and making them more holy, sanctified, and set apart from this world. That is the same with another person too. We are all at different stages and levels in life. What God is doing for one person, he is doing differently for another.

Chapter 2: You are not defined by your tattoos and your past.

So many Christians live in regret because of the tattoos that they have got when they were younger or before they came to know Christ. But we are not defined by our past and our past sins or mistakes. We are defined by our Almighty Maker and Creator, Jesus Christ. So when you look at your tattoos and piercings from your past, it is a reminder of God's grace and mercy and how he brought you out of darkness and translated you into the kingdom of light. You are no longer the person you used to be from your past. The tattoos from your

past don't define who you are today. You may have gotten the devil's name printed on your arm or the numbers 666 printed on your face.

Colossians 1:12-13 says, "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:"

You may live with regret on getting those tattoos because they go against the Bible. Or maybe you have your old past boyfriend or girlfriend's name printed on your hand with hearts. You thought that you and that person would be together forever. But God had other plans for your life, and now that person is no longer in your life or in the picture. So you are living with regret for getting these tattoos. But I want you to know that we learn from our mistakes. What we did in the past we didn't know better than we do now. Those tattoos are reminders of God so graciously saving us from our past and from those instances.

You may look back on those tattoos now and be reminded of how God saved your life. You may be

reminded that even though the devil's name is on your arm, he has already lost the battle, and you have victory in Christ Jesus. The devil is already defeated, and that is a reminder to you to take back your authority over the enemy and the forces of darkness.

Chapter 3: The origin/meaning behind tattoos

There is an origin behind tattoos. Tattoos mean more than what you think they do. There are things that we do not know about the tattoos that we are getting. Certain tattoos, such as dragons, hearts, or flowers, may have demons or evil spirits attached to them or may mean something relating to the demonic realm. Some tattoos may have pagan roots or even witchcraft behind them. Some tattoos may be rooted in witchcraft, sorcery, or pagan worship.

There was an instance when a man or woman got flames tattooed on their body, and then afterwards the body part with the flames was always burning or on fire. That is because there is so much power in these tattoos and even in our words. If a person were to get the word hatred or anger tattooed on their arm or hand and they saw it every day, it could actually lead them to the sins of hatred and anger. The tattoo with the flames

felt like it was burning because it resembles an actual fire.

That is why it is so important to do research before you end up deciding to get a tattoo. You may even need to check in with God first and ask him his thoughts on tattoos and piercings. Ask the Holy Spirit if it is a sin in your life to get a tattoo or piercing. For some people, it is because they idolize tattoos and piercings. Maybe there is a person that has a lot of them on their body, and they may even be tempted to get more. But before you decide to get more, please ask God or the Holy Spirit. Go to him in prayer, be still in his presence, and allow him to speak to you about this topic. He will show you if it is a sin in your life or an idol and if he wants you to get more of them or none at all.

Chapter 4: Regrets and getting tattoos removed

So many people get tattoos when they are young, and then when they grow older, they regret getting the tattoos because of the meaning behind them. The people no longer feel the same about the tattoos and want to get them removed. But is getting tattoos painful and costly? Does it cost a lot? Does it hurt? According

to Google, most tattoo removal businesses will charge different prices depending on the tattoo size. Smaller tattoo removal may cost as little as \$50 per tattoo. But a person who has a full sleeve of tattoos who wants to have it removed may cost about \$1000 per session.

Is getting tattoos removed painful? Yes, it can be. It all just depends on the location of the tattoo, the person's pain tolerance, and the type of removal method. There is a non-laster method, which is safer and more comfortable than a traditional laser tattoo removal. Areas where there are more nerve endings, such as the hands, feet, and armpits, can be more sensitive and painful. Tattoo removal near bones and areas where there is little fat can be sensitive too because the bones conduct heat more easily.

As far as pain level, according to Google, some say tattoo removal feels like getting a tattoo, and others say it feels like a rubber band snapping against the skin. According to my own experiences, I have never gotten a tattoo before, so I do not know what that is like. But I have, however, gotten my ears pierced, and it hurt a little for a day or so, and then the pain subsided.

Conclusion

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