

# CARE RESOURCES

## TATTOOS

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### **ADVOCATING GOD'S TRUTH ABOUT TATTOOS – THE PRICE OF GETTING “INKED.”**

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**You shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the Lord – Leviticus 19:28**

According to Pew Global Research many people have chosen to ignore this command of God. The results of a 2010 survey showed that 40% of 18-29 year olds have at least one tattoo. 32% of 30-45 year olds do, 15% of 46-64 year olds and notably even 6% over 65s! A Harris Poll in 2012 discovered 21% of Americans are marked with a tattoo. The UK Guardian newspaper reported that 20% of the UK population is “inked.” Yet the word of God expressly forbids this. So what should be the church’s response to this issue and what advice should we give Christians considering getting “inked?”

When our Father in Heaven expressly forbids something there is a reason for it. He is not being an uncool parent. He is God, our creator who knew us before we were formed, He knows all things. So if our all-knowing Heavenly Father says “no” then we should pay attention, because there’s a reason.

*“the ex-Hell’s Angel was very embarrassed about the tattoo on his chest which implied he worshipped Satan. As he rose from the waters of baptism the tattoo had completely disappeared from his chest, it was amazing!” – David Pawson.*

To understand why God says no to being tattooed we need to go to His word. In 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 it is written: *“do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?”*

Would you go into church and spray graffiti all over the walls defiling a brick temple dedicated to the living God? We doubt it! So why defile a living temple – a temple bought and paid for by the blood of Christ? Does your body not belong to God as a temple for His Holy Spirit to dwell in? The truth is your body is not yours to mark, cut or defile. But the reason our Father commands us not to mark our bodies is far more serious than simply defiling it physically, for there are very serious spiritual and psychological reasons why we should not tattoo ourselves – a process that involves making tens of thousands of tiny perforations in the skin releasing blood.

### **THE HISTORY OF TATTOOS**

- **Throughout history, the cutting of the flesh and blood letting have been part of rituals associated with unleashing demonic and supernatural powers.**
- Because the *“life of the flesh is in the blood”* (Leviticus 17:11), **blood is highly valued in occult activities.**
- Tattoos as we know them today originate in blood letting rituals. But God clearly say: *“you shall not make any cuttings in your flesh nor print any marks upon you.”*

Dr D.W.Hambly<sup>[i]</sup> wrote: *tattooing originated in connection with ancient rites of scarification and bloodletting.* Researcher Steve Gilbert<sup>[ii]</sup> wrote: *such activities (scarification and bloodletting)*

were associated with religious practices intended to put the human soul in harmony with supernatural forces and ensure continuity between this life and the next.

As Christians we should always check such emerging trends against the word of God, "lest Satan should get an advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices." (2 Corinthians 2:11)

**Throughout history, the tattoo has represented a mark of paganism, demonism and mysticism, Baal worship, heathenism, cannibalism and just about every pagan belief.**

- The tattoo has never been associated with Christianity. In many cultures a tattooist is also a shaman or magickman. A shaman is an intermediary between the natural and supernatural, aka a witch doctor.
- "Tattooing is often a magical rite in the more traditional cultures, and the tattooist is respected as a priest or shaman" (Michelle Delio, Tattoo: The Art of Skin Decoration, p73)
- "In Fiji, Fromosa, New Zealand and in certain North American tribes tattooing was regarded as a religious ceremony and performed by priests or priestesses. (Ronald Cutt, Art, Sex and Symbol 1974, p.64)
- Famous witch and author Laurie Cabot writes: "the origins of tattooing came from ancient magical practices." (Laurie Cabot, Power of the Witch, p.301)
- Rolling Stone magazine describes famous tattoo artist Paul Booth during his tattoo work as "allowing his clients' demons to help guide the needle."

### **TATTOOS, A PAGAN PRACTICE**

- In the pages of history, whenever and wherever tattooing pagan tribes were converted to Christianity, without exception, one of the first pagan practices to "pass away" (2 Corinthians 5:17) was the tattoo. The converted pagan knew the tattoo was against the word of God. The Holy Spirit quickly convicted and made clear: "no to tattoos."
- Just as in other cultures with tattooing traditions, when these pagan tribes were converted to the Christian religion their spiritual and cultural rites, which included tattooing, body piercing and scarification, were outlawed. (Jean-Chris Miller, The Body Art Book: A complete Illustrated Guide to Tattoos, Piercings and other Body Modifications. p.9)

### **TATTOOS AND REBELLION**

- If our Lord God commands us not to mark our bodies with tattoos but we reject his word and do it anyway we step into rebellion. **And rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft** (1 Samuel 15:23).
- **Just look in a tattoo parlour window at the imagery and you will quickly get the picture. The vast majority of body art is occult and very demonic in nature.**
- Tattooing carries a close association with rebellion.
- Historically it also carried reproach or disgrace. Six million Jews were tattooed in the death camps of Europe. Roman soldiers were marked with the mark of the legion. **The Latin word for tattoo is stigma and Webster's dictionary states a stigma includes a "distinguishing mark cut into the flesh of a slave or criminal and a mark of disgrace or reproach[[iiii](#)][1].**
- **1 Corinthians 7:23: you were bought at a price; do not become slaves to men.**

### **ASSOCIATION WITH CRIMINOGENIC LIFESTYLES**

- The tattoo is also associated with criminogenic lifestyles. 75% of inmates in young offender institutions are tattooed. 72% of young men in prison are tattooed.
- Many authorities link tattooing with aggression, anti-authoritarianism, and it cannot be disputed that gangs and delinquents, juvenile or otherwise, display massive evidence of aggression and are heavily tattooed.[\[iv\]](#)

## SEXUAL ASSOCIATION

There is also a sexual association.

- Research undertaken in a secure unit for girls revealed that of the 60% tattooed, 90% admitted to lesbian behaviour.
- The most heavily tattooed took the male role in lesbian relationships. This compares to 6% of national average.[\[v\]](#)

## OTHER PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED

Psychiatrist Robert Raspa, identified a range of other problems identified with tattoos including:

- impulsiveness,
- low self esteem,
- lack of self control,
- homosexual orientation,
- sexual sadomasochism,
- bondage,
- fetish,
- bisexuality,
- lesbianism,
- antisocial personality,
- borderline personality disorder,
- schizotypal disorder,
- mania,
- bi-polar disorders and
- schizophrenia.[\[vi\]](#)

## WIDER IMPLICATION

So when our Father in Heaven says do not mark yourself or make any cutting in your body its because He knows the wider implications for your physical, spiritual and emotional health and wellbeing.

- If you already have marked your body then go before Him and repent, seek ministry in breaking the power of the tattoo and, if you can, explore having it removed. There are many specialist laser removal clinics today.
- We prayed for a young woman who had tattooed the name of someone with whom she had had an ungodly relationship on her body. When we went into ministry the tattoo began burning her and continued to throughout ministry, until the spiritual soul ties were broken.
- Tattoos carry occultic power, and this needs breaking. You are a child of God called to be holy, righteous and free. The good news is, that in Jesus all-powerful name, every stronghold can be broken – including those created by tattoos!
- You shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the Lord – Leviticus 19:28

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[\[i\]](#) *The History of Tattooing and Its Significance*

[\[ii\]](#) *Gilbert, Steve Tattoo History: a Source Book p158*

[\[iii\]](#) *Gilbert, Steve, Tattoo History, A Souce Book, p.15*

[\[iv\]](#) *Ronald Scutt, Art Sex and Symbol. P.114*

[\[v\]](#) *Source: Lesbian & Gay Foundation*

[\[vi\]](#) *Raspa, Robert and John Cusack, Psychiatric Implications of Tattoos, American Family Physician p1483.*

## DO YOU HAVE AN UNGODLY SOUL TIE WITH YOUR TATTOO ARTIST?

BY PHYLLIS TARBOX

- How well do you know your tattoo artist?
- What types of artwork have he or she done in the past?
- What feelings did you have when you walked away with your very first tattoo?

The intention of this blog is not to debate religious views about tattoos, but to cause you to think about **a possible open door for demonic torment through an ungodly soul tie with your tattoo artist.**

### QUESTIONS I WOULD LIKE TO ASK

- Do you know where your tattoo artist has been?
- What is in his/her soul?
- What are you bonding with by allowing him/her to shed your blood?
- Whose art have you become a permanent billboard for?

### TESTIMONIES

- Years back I came to know of an international renowned tattoo artist that loved the Lord and was purposed to share his beliefs with those he tattooed. His talent carried him all over the world, but his body of art included whatever the client wanted. **He was frequently hired to ink satanic images of death.**
- **This compromise allowed God's gift of art to be used for demonic purposes. It caused him so much conflict he was suicidal. He talked the talk, but his walk was lost by the lure of money.**
- This Christian tattoo artist was full of demons of death, while he permanently inked his art on temples of the Holy Spirit.
- *My children are dying for lack of knowledge. (Hosea 4:6).*
- *The art of tattooing includes the shedding of blood and scripture tells us that the "life of the flesh (body and soul) is in the blood" [Leviticus 17:11].*
- **Shortly after receiving a tattoo many people start to get nightmares or dreams of having sex with various partners, many times with people they do not know. This is caused due a blood sacrifices that is being made with their blood and blood ties that are being formed, thus opening doors for spiritual wives and husband, also opening doors for astral projection in order to have sex with the victims (it is not just dreams).**

### BLOOD AND THE OCCULT

- Occult practitioners reference this type of blood loss as bloodletting. The term "blood-letting" comes from the word "let" in order to allow passing.
- The blood is recognized as the "power source" of life. **The "letting" of this "power source" then opens doors through the "flesh" and allows the passage of a demonic transference.**
- So, let me ask you again, how intimately do you know your tattoo artist? What else got emblazoned with that ink?

### BREAK THE UNGODLY SOUL-TIE WITH YOUR TATTOO ARTIST

- **Confess and repent for any door that you may have opened to the demonic realm by the shedding of blood at the hands of a tattooing artist.** *"Father, I confess and repent for any open door that I willingly allowed when I was tattooed.*
- **Break the Ungodly Soul-tie.** *"Father, I break the ungodly soul tie between myself and (name) and (name) and myself in the name and blood of Jesus Christ."*

- These are the necessary first steps to begin closing the door to the demonic realm accessed through your tattoo. If you were uncomfortable with the atmosphere in the tattoo parlour or felt a heaviness that followed you, there is more work to be done. Spirits of depression, fear, regret, and anxiety often follow tattoo art and deliverance from any transference of these tormentors should be your next step.
- **Your tattoo may be permanent, but the spirits associated with it are not.**



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