

Tattoos...piercing...scarring...body alteration...cosmetic surgeries...

In a strict sense, our bodies are the visible manifestation of our invisible soul inasmuch as we are created in the image and likeness of God, and He creates both allowing us the free will to conform the gifts of eternal soul and temporal flesh to His divine will. We are "fruit of the earth and work of human hands" our flesh and what we do with it, is either at the service of the soul or a prison in which the soul is held hostage.

In a biblical sense our bodies are the mode and method of our demonstration of our fidelity to God. We make manifest our desires through our flesh and our actions/inactions which shape our flesh.

Any of the practices above, which have no curative or medicinal purpose are an alteration of the body, as God gave it. We are saying that we, rather than God, determine the appearance of our body through un-natural means and procedures.

Addressing tattoos and ritualistic scarring, specifically: determine if the tattoo/scar is an intended symbol of covenant relationship or group affiliation. Does the tattoo/scar represent a deity, god, idol, cult, or religious affiliation? If so, the affiliate relationship must be renounced and all association severed. Formal renunciation of the affiliation repeated 7 times and destruction of all items and articles associated with the affiliation and its members.

Use the language of their initiation in the renunciation.

There is a strong possibility that the ink, images, patterns, and the elements of the tattoo/scar are cursed to make the tattoo/scar addictive and/or commemorate a sinful act(s).

The sinful acts must be renounced as well as the practice of tattooing/scarring.

If you have a tattoo that requires decommissioning, you will need a priest to obtain the proper prayers by registering on the www.montechristo.net website and accessing the "Printed Material" tab. If a Priest has any questions they may submit an inquiry to info@montechristo.net for further information.