

“Richmond Outreach Center” encourages tattooing,
and was featured in a recent edition of “Rebel Ink”:

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“The message of hope is alive and well in Richmond, VA. More specifically, this message lives, thrives, and grows stronger by the day at the Richmond Outreach Center - commonly known as the ROC - on 5501 Midlothian Turnpike. The ROC's congregation totals over 7000 strong and, at their Saturday night service alone, it is not uncommon to find more than 3000 church members who've come to "Party for Jesus."

Pictures taken outside of the “ROC.”

“Pastor G” stated in the article:

"People want to be different, like me. I got a tattoo on my face. I was like, 'Hey, no one's got a tattoo on their face.'"



Tattooed men in front of the “ROC” building



”Youth Pastor” Andrew “Drew” Delgado

What does the Bible say about tattooing one’s body?

1 Corinthians 6:15-20

King James Version (KJV)

15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.

16 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for

two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

19 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?

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Romans 6:12

Let not sin therefore reign in **your** mortal **body**, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

1 Corinthians 6:20

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in **your body**, and in **your** spirit, which are God's.

The Bible warns us against tattoos in **Leviticus 19:28 (Amplified)** which says, "**Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print or tattoo any marks upon you: I am the Lord.**"

The Bible expressly tells us to keep ourselves unspotted from the world (James 1:27), to abstain from the appearance of evil (1 Thess. 5:22), and that friendship with the world is enmity with God. (James 4:4). We are instructed to come out from among them and be separate from the world. (2 Corinthians 6:17) Christians therefore have the responsibility to obey God's commands and abstain from worldly associations, pastimes, or habits; not just out of duty but because we love God and have a living relationship with Him. (John 14:15).