



MESSAGE/SERIES:

Restoration Series_ “Sin in the Church”

DATE: October 13, 2019

SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK:

(These verses will help you understand themes within as you read our core text as scripture proves scripture)

1 Corinthians 5:1-13, **2 Corinthians 12:21**, **Leviticus 18:8**, **Deuteronomy 22:30, 27:20**, **2 Corinthians 12:20**, **Matthew 18:15-18**, **Ephesians 5:3-8, (11)** **1 Corinthians 11:29-32**, **Matthew 16:19**, **John 20:23**, **1 Timothy 1:20**, **Galatians 5:9**, **1 Corinthians 15:33**, **Exodus 12:15, 13:7**, **Romans 6:6**, **Colossians 3:9**, **2 Corinthians 6:14-18**, **1 Corinthians 10:27**, **2 Thessalonians 3:6**, **Deuteronomy 13:5**

OPENING SCRIPTURE:

[**1 Corinthians 5:1-13**] “It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father’s wife. ² And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you.

³ For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. ⁴ When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus. ⁵ you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

⁶ Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that **a little leaven leavens the whole lump?** ⁷ **Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened.** For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸ Let us therefore

celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

⁹ I wrote to you in my letter **not to associate with sexually immoral people**—¹⁰ not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. ¹¹ But now I am writing to you **not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one.** ¹² For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? ¹³ God judges those outside. **“Purge the evil person from among you.”**

The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), 1 Co 5:1–13.

BACKGROUND & OTHER STUDY HELPS:

[Our Passover Feast] “Of course there is no reference here—not even by implication and in any side way—to the Lord’s Supper. What St. Paul is thinking about here is the whole Christian life which he compares to that Passover feast. And his exhortation, “Let us keep the feast,” is in fact, first of all, this—“Do you Christian men and women see to it that your whole life be a participation in the sacrifice of the slain Lamb.” The very life of the Christian is derived from communion with Jesus Christ. We are to feed upon Him if we have life at all. And how, then, are we to feed upon a slain Christ? By faith, by meditation, by continual carrying in grateful hearts, in vivid memories, and in obedient wills, the great Sacrifice on which our hopes build.”

W. Robertson Nicoll, ed., *The Sermon Outline Bible: Acts 7–1 Corinthians*, vol. 9 (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1958), 300.

[5:13] “The Old Testament often commanded God’s people to purge evildoers from among their ranks, normally by execution (Deut 13:5; 17:7; 19:19; 21:21; 22:21, 24; 24:7). Otherwise, the unrepentant offender could remove God’s blessing from the whole community and bring about the death of others (Josh 7:5, 25). Here the evildoer is purged from the community by being banished; banishment was a common punishment in the Roman period. In Judaism, exclusion from the community was a spiritual equivalent of execution, applied in the New Testament period to capital crimes of the Old Testament (see comment on 1 Cor 5:2; capital sentences of Jewish courts could not be legally carried out without Roman permission).”

Craig S. Keener, *The IVP Bible Background Commentary: New Testament* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1993), 1 Co 5:13.

OUTLINE:

I. UNREPENTANT SIN DEFILES THE CHURCH (v1-6)

- A. (v1) The Gravity of sin (patterns) in the Church
 - 1. *Affects the church's witness in the world*
 - 2. *Reveals the spiritual immaturity of the church*
 - 3. *Reveals a lack of growth*
- B. (v2a) The Church as a whole is reflected upon when no action is taken
 - 1. *Leadership is shown to be inept and unloving*
 - 2. *The congregation is shown as consenting of the actions*
 - 3. *The inaction reveals a loveless church towards God and the people who are members of Jesus's body*
- C. (v2b) Leadership should remove the unrepentant from the body (excommunication)
- D. (v3) Paul had already determined the judgment from afar by the facts given to him
- E. (v4) The church has the authority of God to deal with sin
 - 1. *When people do not want to submit to the authority of the church they refuse God's discipline and care*
 - 2. *The church is mandated deal with sin as God has already declared it a sin and a cancer to the church*
- F. (v5) God has commanded to turn them away from the body
 - 1. *Practically is excommunication of the sid of the church*
 - a) Lacks the prayers and guidance of the church (protection)
 - b) Lacks the accountability (turned over to own lust/sin)
 - 2. *Divinely is a lowering of the hedges for the purpose of purification*
 - a) Removing them from the church
 - b) Removing the unrepentant from the world
 - c) Is practically allowing the enemy to bring sickness and death without God's protection
 - (1) *Does not indicate a loss of salvation*
 - (2) *Does indicate a loss of rewards in heaven*
- G. (v6) Boasting/Arrogance is equated to blind leadership that allows sin to run wild in the church (passover language)

(Verses 6-7) begin discussion using passover language as best seen from parallel verses in Exodus 12:7-20.

II. UNREPENTANT SIN MUST BE JUDGED (v7-13)

- A. (v7) Purge out means to get rid of or remove in order to separate the church from the sin patterns of the world
 - 1. *(Passover language) reminds of the fact that we have been freed from sin's hold therefore we are to choose Christ as a church over the sinning individual*
- B. (v8) Celebrating the festival would represents the celebration of the new life in Christ
 - 1. *The old has passed away (passover feast before Christ paid the debt on Calvary)*
 - 2. *The new has come which is the new covenant in His blood (Grace versus works)*
 - 3. *Paul is encouraging the church to celebrate Jesus and the life we live in grace.*
 - 4. *We are to put off the old ways and put on Christ daily which is a choice in a practice living sense although we are eternally secure (Ephesians 4:22-24)*
 - 5. *We participate in the sacrifice of the Lamb (Romans 6:9-13) and in our participation in the death and life of Christ we have hope*
 - 6. *We see the antithesis of the leaven bread (old nature) of Malice and evil and the Unleavened bread (new nature in Christ) of sincerity and truth*
 - 7. *It is also thought in an even deeper sense of being under the influence of the old leaven (the old system)*

“Our Passover Feast is not for a week, but for a lifetime” -Godet

- C. (v9) Deals with association with people who practice **sexually immoral** deeds

1. **Sexually immoral= pornos** (πόρνος, 4205) denotes “a man who indulges in fornication, a fornicator,” One who acts like a male or female prostitute
 2. Paul says do not associate with them meaning literally do not to keep company with them and as (v11) indicates that means do not even eat with such a one
- D. (v10) **Not associating** with sexually immoral is pertaining to the believers.
1. Those who call (proclaim to be followers of Christ)
 2. Does not pertain to the unsaved as our relationship with the world is in an evangelistic manner (sharing the Gospel)
 - a) You cannot reach the unsaved world with truth unless you associate with them
 - (1) The manner in which we associate should be from an evangelistic standpoint and this passage does not deal with this matter (Church life/family life is the focus)
- E. (v11) The **Brother of Sister in Christ** cannot be allowed or condoned by other Christians to continue the lifestyle they are living in and not associating with them is a means of
1. Conviction
 2. Purification
- F. (v12-13) The **Church has no right or purpose in judging the world** (holding a Biblical standard with those who cannot follow that standard)
1. The Spirit of God empowers to follow the word of God
 2. The Word of God produces faith in the regenerate person’s heart and therefore changes desires
 3. The world’s desires are against God (our purpose is to share the truth & hope of Jesus with them)
 4. The judgment of God will come against the unsaved at the white throne judgment at the end (Day of the Lord)
 5. The Church is called to purge proclaimed Christians from the church
 - a) Purge= Expel, exclude, remove, or drive away

