

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

THE WISDOM OF CHURCH DISCIPLINE





CORINTH'S HOLINESS

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Romans 6:22-23 ^{NIV}

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



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1 Corinthians 5:1-2 ^{NIV}

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that even pagans do not tolerate: A man is sleeping with his father's wife. ² And you are proud! Shouldn't you rather have gone into mourning and have put out of your fellowship the man who has been doing this?


SEXUAL ETHIC IN SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:27; 2:24

Matthew 19:4-6

Romans 1:18-31

1 Corinthians 6:9-10



“We believe that God has established marriage as a lifelong, exclusive relationship between one man and one woman and that all intimate sexual activity outside the marriage relationship, whether heterosexual, homosexual, or otherwise, is immoral and therefore sin.”

FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH | DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

THE CHURCH'S RESPONSE TO SIN:

IGNORE IT

embrace hypocrisy

CELEBRATE IT

become biblically-
compromised

TOLERATE IT

invite more ungodliness

CONFRONT IT

preserve biblical fidelity
and promote repentance



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1 Corinthians 5:3-5 ^{NIV}

For my part, even though I am not physically present, I am with you in spirit. As one who is present with you in this way, I have already passed judgment in the name of our Lord Jesus on the one who has been doing this. ⁴ So when you are assembled and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present, ⁵ hand this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord.

THE CHURCH'S RESPONSE TO SIN:

Destruction of the...
FLESH

Destruction of the...
BODY

Destruction of the...
SINFUL NATURE

Destruction of the...
PRESENCE WITH THE BODY



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1 Corinthians 5:6-8 ^{NIV}

Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? ⁷ **Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are.** For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.⁸ Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

THE CHURCH'S PURSUIT OF HOLINESS

CHRISTIAN ETHICS

THE PURPOSE:
Glory of God

THE PATTERN:
Christ's Life

THE PRINCIPLE:
Christ's Love

THE POWER:
Holy Spirit



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1 Corinthians 5:9-10 ^{NIV}

I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—¹⁰ not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world.



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Romans 3:10b-12 ^{NIV}

“There is no one righteous, not even one;
¹¹ there is no one who understands;
there is no one who seeks God.
¹² All have turned away,
they have together become worthless;
there is no one who does good,
not even one.”



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Romans 3:21-24 ^{NIV}

But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.



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1 Corinthians 5:11-13 ^{NIV}

But now I am writing to you that you **must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but** is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people. ¹² What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? ¹³ **God will judge those outside.** “Expel the wicked person from among you.”

MINISTERING TO THOSE IN SIN

OUTSIDE THE CHURCH

Love | Grace | Truth



Leave Judgment to God

INSIDE THE CHURCH

Love | Grace | Truth



Accountability



Repentance




Restoration



Rebellion



Discipline



The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

ROMANS 6:10-11 NIV