

PAUL'S FIRST EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS

LEARNING HOW TO BE A HEAVENLY CHURCH IN A GODLESS WORLD

1 CORINTHIANS 5:1-8

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HOW TO BE A CHURCH THAT'S OUT OF THIS WORLD

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1 Corinthians 5:1-8

It is **actually reported** *that there is sexual immorality* among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles - that is, a man has his father's wife! :2 And you are **puffed up**, and have not rather **mourned**, that he who has done this deed might be **taken away from among you**. :3 For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have **already judged** (as though I were present) him who has so done this deed. :4 **In the name** of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are (a) **gathered together**, (b) along with my spirit, (c) with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, :5 (d) **deliver** such a one to **Satan** for the **destruction of the flesh**, (e) that **his spirit may be saved** in the day of the Lord Jesus. :6 Your **glorying** is not good. Do you not know that a little **leaven** leavens the whole lump? :7 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our **Passover**, was sacrificed for us. :8 Therefore let us **keep the feast**, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of **malice** and **wickedness**, but with the unleavened bread of **sincerity** and **truth**.

In Chapters 5 and 6 Paul introduces a whole new section

of the letter to us. Previous to this, the apostle has been dealing with pride and its consequences in the Corinthian assembly, and what a terrible thing was happening there because of the love of human wisdom and the love of human status. **Now he turns to a related theme, one that is somewhat different, but related to carnality: - The issue of Sexual Immorality and its problems.**

We know from Historical accounts that these Greek cultures and cities, such as Corinth, *were given over to the casual acceptance of sex outside of the protection of the marriage relationship.*

THE CONTEXT OF: SAINTS, SEX AND SINNERS

1 Corinthians 1:2

To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place (*right here, right now*) call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

In Part 1 we learned that:

Sexual Immorality

pornei ÷ a porneia, *por-ni'-ah*; any form of **unauthorized** sexual behavior. Any sexual act outside of marriage. Fornication, adultery, incest. **Unlawful** lust.

- Magnitude of Scope is Directly Tied to Imagination and Thought to Deed -

1.) Recognizing the dangers of Sexual Sin

v.1

1 It is **actually reported** that there is **sexual immorality** among you, and such **sexual immorality** as is not even named among the Gentiles – that is, a man has his father's wife!

1a.) Sexual sins carry a greater weight

1b.) Sexual sins pack a greater burden

1c.) Sexual sins steal a greater piece

The “Spirituality” of Our Sexuality

Matthew 19:4-6

And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made *them* at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ :**5** and said, “*For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh*’? :**6** So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”

NLT – 1 Corinthians 6:15-20

Don't you realize that your bodies are actually parts of Christ? Should a man take his body, which belongs to Christ, and join it to a prostitute? Never! :16 And don't you know that if a man joins himself to a prostitute, he becomes one body with her? For the Scriptures say, "*The two are united into one.*" :17 But the person who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. :18 Flee from sexual sin! **No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body.** :19 Or don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, :20 for God bought you with a high price. So you must **honor God with your body.**

Now in Part 2 we learn "what it is we need to do"

SAINTS, SEX AND SINNERS

WHAT MAKES YOU A TRUE BELIEVER!

2.) Repenting before a Loving God

v.2-3

2a.) Means that as a church - we repent of our actions

2 And you are **puffed up**, and have not rather **mourned**,

What's implied here is actually very scary.
(the false doctrine of "a false tolerance")

The church at Corinth knew this man was in sin but decided to avoid it under a guise of "tolerance" which allowed the sin to continue and spread
(just like the progressive, liberal church in this 21st century)

you are puffed up (inflated, enlarged, proud, boastful)

Puffed up about "Cheap Grace"

They thought they were being "gracious" and "loving" by not confronting this poison within the church – an "all are welcome" sign hung out front.

Romans 6:14-15

For sin shall not have dominion (*control, rule, authority*) over you, for you're not under **law** but under **grace**. :15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? God forbid !

The **CHURCHES "Sin of Tolerance"** was as Bad as this **INDIVIDUAL'S Sin of Sexual Immorality.**

*“A Pure Church is a Powerful Church.
But a Powerless Church is a Dangerous Church” - J. Vernon McGee*

mourned *penqe ÷ w pentheo, pen-theh'-o;*

moved to grief. To fall sick of, or to be overcome with sadness and sorrow.

You should be sad and sorrowful for what this means to the cause of Jesus Christ and the Name of Christ and the Life among the Church...

The Church Leaders Should Be In a State of Grief

Having a true, “broken heartedness” about dealing with other peoples’ sins

Galatians 6:1-2

Brethren, if a man is **overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual** restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. **:2** Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

But we’re to never allow, condone, or tolerate

a brother or sister that is continuing on in a sexual relationship outside of marriage –
its “porniea”

Why didn’t the Christians at Corinth mourn this Situation?

Because they were just like the man in their hearts...

Romans 16:17-18

I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. **:18** For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.

REPENTING BEFORE A LOVING GOD

2b.) Means that as a church - we repent of our lethargy

2b ...that he who has done this deed might be **taken away from among you.**

taken away

ejxai ÷ rw exairo, ex-a-E-ro;

to exit, to leave, to go away. To remove or be removed.

The **church was responsible** to carry out that judgment,

The Context is for “Christians Only – Church Only”

1 Corinthians 5:11

But now I am writing you that you must not associate with **anyone who calls himself a brother** who is **sexually immoral**... regarding such a man do not even eat with him.

The “Corinthian-Christians” Were Guilty of
Redefining What a Church Should Be Like and Be Doing

James 5:19-20

My brothers, if one of you should **wander from the truth** and someone should bring him back, **:20** remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

REPENTING BEFORE A LOVING GOD

2c.) Means that as a church - we repent of our doctrine

3 For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have **already judged** (as though I were present) **him** (*but what about her?*) who has so done this deed.

A Real Biblical Christian Church

Is to be so radically different from the world that it...

(1) **causes** eyes to burn. (2) **makes** lives uncomfortable (3) **creates** heartburn.
(4) **brings** hope to the soul. (5) **gives** peace to the mind (6) and **resurrects** the dead

“Jesus Christ didn’t come to make bad men good.
He came to make dead men live.” – **Leonard Ravenhill**

Acts 5:28-33

“...and the religious authorities said the apostles, “Did we not strictly command you **not to teach in this name?** And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man’s blood on us!” **:29** But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men. **:30** The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you kill by hanging on the cross **:31** Him God has exalted to His right hand *to be* Prince and Savior, to give **repentance** to Israel and **forgiveness** of sins. **:32** And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also *is* the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.” **:33** When they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart and plotted how to kill them.

Each of them had been convicted of sin

Our Man-Made, Emotionally Driven Teachings Offend God.

2 Timothy 4:2-4

Preach the word! Be **ready** in season *and* out of season. **Convince, rebuke, exhort,** with all **longsuffering** and **teaching**. :3 *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine*, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will **heap up for themselves teachers**; :4 and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

1 Timothy 3:15

I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

REPENTING BEFORE A LOVING GOD

John 8:2-11

Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. :3 Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, :4 they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. :5 Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?" :6 This they said, testing Him, that they might have *something* of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with *His* finger, as though He did not hear. :7 So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first." :8 And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. :9 Then those who heard *it*, being convicted by *their* conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest *even* to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. :10 When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" :11 She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

Matthew 12:31-32

"Therefore I say to you, **every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men**, but blasphemy *against* the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven men. :32 Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man (Jesus), it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the *age* to come.

Refusing the “convicting” work and “persuasive” ministry
of the Holy Spirit in the life of every human being.

Romans 1:20

For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by *(all)* the **things** that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that **they** *(personal pronoun)* are without **excuse**:

End of Study
