

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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SAINTS, SEX AND SINNERS – PART 3

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

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1st 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**.

Remembering That in Chapters 5 and 6

The Apostle Paul introduces a whole new section of the letter to us. Previously to this, the Apostle had been dealing with pride and its consequences in the Corinthian assembly, and what a terrible thing was happening there because of their love of **human wisdom** and the love of **human status**. **Now he turns to a related issue, one that is somewhat different, but always akin to carnality: - The sin of Sexual Immorality and aberrant sexuality.**

Biblical 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.

We know from Historical accounts that these
Greek cultures and cities, such as Corinth, *were given over to the casual sex outside of the protection of the marriage relationship. They even began to tolerate sexual immorality within the church.*

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,

We Are Called to Be a Separated People – *holy*

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, **but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.** :19 Or do you not know that **your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you**, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? :20 For you were **bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.**

In Part 1 we learned:

1.) Recognizing the dangers of Sexual Sin v.1

1a.) Sexual sins carry a greater weight

1b.) Sexual sins pack a greater burden

1c.) Sexual sins steal a greater piece

In Part 2 we learned “what it is that we need to do”

2.) Repenting before a Loving God v.2-3

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

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

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

SAINTS, SEX AND SINNERS

3.) Rendering the Ultimate Judgment

v.4-5

: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.

3a.) Demands divine authority

4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are (a) **gathered together**,

gathered together sunaigw sunago, soon-a'-go; a shepherd's term: meaning to lead many to one spot, to tend to a group until the destination is reached. A herd, flock, a collective gathering. a convocation.

(the importance of being in a church family)

(4) In **“the name”** of our Lord Jesus Christ,

name oinoma onoma, on'-om-ah;
under His **authority**, under His **jurisdiction**, under His **orders**

God's Appointed Leadership & the Church Body, are Under Orders
To “do church” His way – not man's way
(and this drives a rebellious spirit crazy in an age of rebellion and bitterness)

Pastor Jesus Himself Said

Matthew 16:18

“...I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”

1 Peter 4:17

For the time has come **for judgment to begin at the house of God**; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who **do not obey** the gospel of God?

RENDERING THE ULTIMATE JUDGMENT

3b.) Demands godly leadership

4b along **with** my spirit, **with** the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

The rarity of Godly leadership in today's churches
is why "Christianity" is so weak, ineffective and carnal – because there's little of
"anointed leadership" these days....

Carnal Christians and dead churches
are not a result of a weak or carnal message or any failure on God's part.
It's from "Self"-Ordained, "Self"-Empowered, "Self"-Appointed men in Leadership.

A Verse That is Often Misused is Matthew 18:15-20

Matthew 18:15-20

"Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. :16 But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that *"by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established."* :17 And if he refuses to hear them, tell *it* to the **church** (*leadership*). But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector. :18 "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. :19 "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. :20 *For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."*

RENDERING THE ULTIMATE JUDGMENT

3c.) Demands serious measures

5c deliver such a one to **Satan** (*why?*) for the **destruction of the flesh**,

This has been a "Carefully Debated" verse for these last 2,000 years. What is Paul saying here? Is he saying that (1) The man cannot be a Christian and by casting him out he will see his error and cry out to God and come to Christ and perhaps then he will be converted and be saved? Or (2) Is that the man is in fact a Christian but living in sin and so to protect the entire church and to bring about true discipline, he is now being removed from the church family for physical judgment!

(remember now – the woman is not addressed at all because) she doesn't belong to the church family. The judgment is levied against the sinning brother)

deliver **paradi ÷ dwmi paradidomi, par-ad-id'-o-mee;**
to surrender over or to yield to the authority of another. To transmit or hand over. To place someone before or in the way of a hazard.

1 Timothy 1:19

having faith and a good conscience, which **some having rejected, concerning the faith** and have suffered shipwreck, :20 of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I **delivered** to Satan that they may **learn not to blaspheme**.

(5) (*why?*) for the **destruction of the flesh**,

Destruction οἰλεgroß **olethros**, *ol'-eth-ros*; from a primary οἰllumi **ollumi** a prolonged form of ruin or punishment that eventually can lead to premature death.

1 Corinthians 3:17

If anyone defiles the temple of God, **God will destroy him**.
For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

1 Peter 5:8-9

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about **like a roaring lion**, seeking whom he may devour. :9 **Resist** him, steadfast in the faith...

#1 - for the Christian who's walking
in obedience and faith – **Satan is LIKE A LION**.

#2 - To the Christian who's living
in a sinful lifestyle – **Satan is THE DEVOURER to them !**

Can you say that you're being
"serious & vigilant" about "resisting" Satan's tricks?

An Example of This is:

Ephesians 6:1-3

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. :2 "*Honor your father and mother,*" which is the first commandment with promise: :3 "*that it may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth.*"

RENDERING THE ULTIMATE JUDGMENT

3d.) Demands scriptural discipline

5d That his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

Galatians 6:1

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual **restore** such a one in a spirit of gentleness,

But there is a required prerequisite = repentance

We are not to forgive nor restore an unrepentant Christian.

So The Question is:

>>>>>> How Saved is a True Child of God? <<<<<<

This Young Man is What The Bible Says is Backslidden.
He is a Prodigal far From His Faith.

John 6:37

All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means **cast out**.

John 10:27-28

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. :28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

Romans 8:38-39

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, :39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I, (Jack) Personally See in the Scriptures

(The eternal security of **only those who are born again**.)

If you've been born again by the Spirit of God – you're His)

“This man, because of his sexual immorality, will experience ruin in life and/or a life not blessed by God and/or an early death by whatever means God so determines, and if necessary even to the point of removing His protective hand -at which time Satan, like a lion, seizes the opportunity.” – *author unknown*

Make No Mistake About It,

Paul - as a Godly Leader and Lover of the Church, is Mourning and Grieving over what must be done – He’s a True Pastor and He’s Brokenhearted. But His Theology is Greater Than His Emotions...

In This Case – The Man is a Christian Living Wrongfully

Galatians 6:7

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

SAINTS, SEX AND SINNERS

4.) Reviving the Fear of God in our lives

v.6-8

4a.) Requires us to nurture a fervent heart

:6 Your **glorying** (pride) is not good. **Do you not know** that a little **leaven** leavens the whole lump?

It’s not Possible for Someone to Sin

and for that Sin to not Effect Other People both Privately & Publicly.
Sin spreads like a wildfire and engulfs others around us.

It’s The Flu Season – but how can we tell?

That which is invisible to our eyes is felt and affected by many others.
Sin Is Like The Flu – It Spreads and Sickens Others

We Need To Be “Hot-Hearted” Christians

1 Peter 4:7-8

But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.

:8 And above all things have **fervent** love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.”

But How Do We Love “Fervently”?

Jude 21-23

keep yourselves (*umbrella*) in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. **22** And on some people have compassion, making a distinction; **23** but others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

REVIVING THE FEAR OF GOD IN OUR LIVES

4b.) Requires us to train up an obedient soul

: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.

Notice with me that:

Paul now stresses the church's **Call to Holiness & The Power of the Cross**
Jesus is the Passover lamb for mankind.

His blood was all perfect and all powerful.

1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 2:1-2

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. :2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

How Do You Know - If you're a real Christian, a true child of God?

You can know by taking a deep long look at your internal character(istics).

Deuteronomy 6:5

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

4c.) Requires us to maintain a devoted mind

8 Therefore let us **keep** (*celebrate*) **the feast**, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of **malice and wickedness**, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

keep the feast

To honor, celebrate, rejoice, - to worship. You can't celebrate God and salvation and freedom while being in sin.

2 Corinthians 10:4-6

(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) **:5** Casting down **imagination**s, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity **every thought** to the obedience of Christ; **:6** And having a **readiness** to punish all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

“let us keep the feast,”

As Christians we are in a perpetual state of worship and service and praise and witness...

**Let's End By Going Back To This Young Man's Judgment.
We Understand That The Outcome Was a Good One**
(1st Corinthians written in 55 AD & 2nd Corinthians in 56 AD)

2 Corinthians 2:6-10

The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient for him. **:7** Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. **:8** I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him. **:9** The reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything. **:10** If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And what I have forgiven — if there was anything to forgive — I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake,

And Again...

2 Corinthians 7:11

See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done. At every point you have proved yourselves to be innocent in this matter.

Matthew 18:11-14

For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost. **:12** “What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying? **:13** And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that *sheep* than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. **:14** Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. — *(so they would break its leg)*

This is The Perfect Time for You to Rededicate Your Life to Christ

End of Study