

I Corinthians 5:1-8

A. I Corinthians 5:1-2 - It is reported commonly *that there is* fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. I Cor. 5:2 - And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.

1. Corinth had moved to almost _____ense in their living. They seemingly had lost their conscience about sin. Some say if life is in grace, then sin does not really matter. Truthfully, to think you can do anything you want to because we are under grace is an _____se of grace doctrine.

*Grace moves in us to put _____ sin because it is sin that nailed Christ to the cross!

Titus 2:11-14 - For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Titus 2:12 - Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Titus 2:13 - Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Titus 2:14 - Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

2. There are two sins here that stand out. One is the sinning couple. Two, the puffed-up (inflated egos - arrogant). The leaders focused on themselves with their licenses and standard-_____ lifestyles. If they took _____ a godly stand for a believer's life, it might reflect on their _____ behavior.
3. I am glad God, His Word, and Paul do not cover up sin, nor are they _____aid to reveal the sins of the saints. Just to say a sinning saint seems like a _____tradiction, but it is true. All of the _____roes of the Bible had some glaring sin as all believers do. (Example: King David, Abraham, Moses, etc.)
4. Instead of mourning - grieving over what this incestuous scandal was doing to the name of Christ, they _____ed to take any action to resolve the problem (no shame about sin).

*Paul asked them why they had not (if needed) _____moved him from their fellowship.

B. I Corinthians 5:3 - For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, *concerning* him that hath so done this deed,

1. Paul tells them that though he was not there physically, he was there in spirit and had come to a _____ision about what he believed to be God's will in this situation. Some things are _____ply shown in scripture, but difficult to do. Here you have a family and a church involved. It could become _____se. Paul, an Apostle, was not involved with all the emotions and feelings of the people, and could easily know what should be done.

2. As an Apostle, no doubt Paul had a special relationship with the Holy Spirit, which would lead Paul to come down on _____ side.

Acts 15:28 - For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

*To Paul, this man's sin was _____ acceptable, so Paul says, "Let us take care of it." But note the _____erence of handling a church problem under the Kingdom Law Program vs. the Dispensation of Grace Program:

- a. The Kingdom Program:

Matthew 18:17 - And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell *it* unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

b. The Grace Program:

II Thessalonians 3:14-15 - And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. II Thess. 3:15 - Yet count *him* not as an enemy, but admonish *him* as a brother.

C. I Corinthians 5:4-5- In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, I Cor. 5:5 - To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

1. It is the local church's responsibility to address sinful behavior that affects the ministry and message. They are acting in the official authority of the Savior. You should always try to resolve a problem _____ately, whenever possible. However, here the problem was such a public scandal that there was no other choice than to go public with this _____ sin.

2. Verse 5 is an amazing, frightening decision on church discipline that is to be carried out by the church. This congregation was to _____communicate this sinning member and release him to _____an's domain, the world.

II Corinthians 4:4 - In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Galatians 1:4 - Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

3. Out from the _____brella of God's protection - blessings, the consequences often bring about _____truction and even death.

Dr. Stam, "Since the immoral brother had persisted in going Satan's ways, now let him have a taste of it. He will begin to _____ap the fruit of his wicked behavior."

*This is for man's good. The _____ is that he will see the awful state he is in because of his sin. The prayer is that he will repent and go the right, godly way, the way God wants him to follow. _____oration is the hope.

4. Also note that even if he dies, the true believer is _____ saved, always! **The good news here is evidently this man _____ get right with God:

Individual - II Corinthians 2:6-8 - Sufficient to such a man *is* this punishment, which *was inflicted* of many. II Cor. 2:7 - So that contrariwise ye *ought* rather to forgive *him*, and comfort *him*, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow. II Cor. 2:8 - Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm *your* love toward him.

Church - II Corinthians 2:9-11 - For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things. II Cor. 2:10 - To whom ye forgive any thing, I *forgive* also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave *it*, for your sakes *forgave I it* in the person of Christ; II Cor. 2:11 - Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

D. I Corinthians 5:6 - Your glorying *is* not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

1. Paul says their boasting of how good and how spiritual they are, while not taking any action concerning this man's sin, was _____excusable.

2. Paul then asked them to think about this truth concerning leaven. It only takes a little to affect the whole. Leaven is often referred to in the Bible as symbolic of _____al or _____trinal evil.

Matthew 16:6, 12 - Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. Matt. 16:12 - Then understood they how that he bade *them* not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

*The Corinthians boasted of all their gifts, teachers, and church size while allowing one to sin in their midst (little). This one open fornicator left _____ checked in the church would, in the process of _____, permeate all the members of the church - congregation (the whole lump)!

E. I Corinthians 5:7-8 - Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: I Cor. 5:8 - Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.

1. If they would stop their boasting and put away the fornication, they could become a _____ sh congregation that would experience God's presence intimately once again.

*| Paul says that if the old leaven (sinning one) is removed immediately, it would not be an _____ eptable standard by others.

2. [as ye are unleavened.] By being in Christ, they are, in their _____ ition, perfectly cleansed from sin (unleavened).

I Corinthians 6:11 - And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

II Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

3. Christ died for our sins during Passover observance, but He was the Father's Passover lamb for the sins of man. Paul uses Jewish terms to help us better understand Christ making us _____ leavened.

**To emphasize the _____ pleteness of the believer's cleansing, Paul uses the pictured Passover in Egypt. Christ's blood over us separates us from sin's _____ trol and _____ gment. It also removes us from our old life of sin to our new life, unleavened.

4. While we are told to "keep the feast," he is _____ telling us to go back under the laws of Israel. The Old Testament Passover was celebrated once a year to remind them of their deliverance from Egypt. Today, the believer celebrates his deliverance from sin continuously each day.

Note: Before they celebrated Passover, they were to _____ move any leaven in the house. Leaven is a symbol of sin. To have a true remembrance, sin needed to be removed.

**"Corinth, _____ fore your church can truly be right before God, remove your leaven - sin!"

a. Leaven produces "malice and wickedness."

b. Unleavened produces "sincerity and truth."