

1 Corinthians 5.1-13

Judge the Church, Love the World

If want to keep Relationship – Told to say 4 Nice Things for Each Hard Thing

4 Chapters Paul worked to RESTORE his Relationship w/ Church in CORINTH

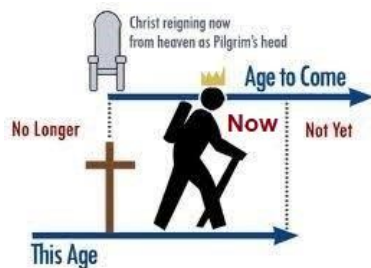
Most Urgent need of Corinthians – ALL Christians – GLORY in Cross of Christ

At FOOT of Cross: UNDERSTAND Wisdom of God / RECEIVE Power of God

OK! I got ALL That Out!... Explodes with Exasperation! I can't believe this!

1. Pride Parade in the Church

a. Time for Warning



Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich!...you are wise in Christ...you are strong. You are held in honor 1 Corinthians 4.8-10

Some in Corinth Fully in AGE TO COME / Already LIVING with the ANGELS

PASSED beyond any FUTURE JUDGMENT

SPIRIT - Risen & Perfected - Cannot be Touched by ACTS of Body

SO SURE of Heaven, Free to live like HELL

v. 1 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.

PAUL has his SOURCES to know the REAL Story of church in Corinth



DIFFICULT to See DIFFERENCE BETWEEN Practice in CHURCH and People of CORINTH

Horizon of 1st C Corinth Dominated by Temple

Aphrodite GREEK goddess of LOVE > LUST

1000 of her Temple Prostitutes walked downhill WORKED Streets of City Nightly

Corinthian SOCIAL MEDIA would often SHARE this 1st C MANTRA...

“Mistresses we keep for the sake of pleasure, concubines for the daily care of the body, but wives to bear us legitimate children” Demos

Bad Word -- vs. 1 PORNEIA – Sexual Immorality > Not BAD to Them

Try to ENJOY Experience of Heaven without HOLINESS Demanded by Lord

If Heaven is HAVING ALL you WILL EVER WANT – You can have it NOW!

Paul clear NOT YET time for FINAL JUDGMENT on People

But it IS TIME for Judgment on the CHURCH > Place where Jesus is LORD

ZGC Membership Class > Jesus is HEAD of Church, BIBLE His STANDARD

NOT to be Judgmental, but we are to MAKE JUDGMENTS

JUDGMENTAL > PROUD, Better than Others, You are GOOD, Others BAD

BIBLE is Full of Judgments – WRONG / RIGHT, SIN / UNBELIEF > Matters!

v. 13 Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge?

When we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world. 1 Corinthians 11.32

PAUL the Pharisee Set Free in Jesus > SERVANT of Word of God

First Word from God to the CHRISTIAN Church are HEBREW Scriptures

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the LORD your God. You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes... You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD... “You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father, which is the nakedness of your mother; she is your mother, you shall not uncover her nakedness. You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's wife; it is your father's nakedness... Leviticus 18.1-8

HOLINESS CODE of Israel continues to Reflect HOLINESS of ETERNAL God

Living Words are forever INSPIRED, INERRANT, and INSTRUCTIVE

Porneia appears so often as the first item in the New Testament vice list, not because Christians were sexually “hung up,” not because they considered this the primary sin...It is the result of its prevalence in the culture, and the difficulty the early church experienced with its Gentile converts breaking with their former ways, which they did not consider immoral. Gordon Fee

CLEAR Teaching of Bible: Marriage 1 Man / Woman for Life > Sex in Marriage

b. Time for Weeping

WAY Corinthian Church was DIFFERENT from Corinthian Culture? **Worse!!**

vs. 1,2 ...sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn?

CELEBRATING a KINKY CRIME that even WORLD finds SHAMEFUL

FREEDOM to live in SIN / Church CELEBRATED that Sinful Freedom

PROBLEM Not just RELAXED Attitude to Sin, Created Theological Justification

INCEST – Probably NOT Mother – Young Wife of an Older Father > EVIL

With ALL that Went On that was Wrong in Corinth > This was DISGUSTING

Moses: “A man shall not take his father's wife, so that he does not uncover his father's nakedness.” Deuteronomy 22.30

CICERO Roman Historian said this was ABHORRENT even to ROMANS

Illicit union of a particularly unsavory kind. Leon Morris

Word that DEFINES ETHICS of 21st C used in 1st church – TOLERATION!

Paul > Few Details PARTNERS or their CRIME > Strong Words for Church

Paul's Zeal & Passion was CHRIST be Honored in Corinth

Heart is BROKEN that the CHURCH is CAUSING Her Lord Great SHAME!

c. Time to Watch Out

vs. 6-8 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 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. 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.

Paul says YES we ARE in the Last Days – Now Celebrate Age to Come in X PICTURE of Passover been FULFILLED in DEATH of God's Firstborn SON Jesus Our High Priest also LAMB of God to TAKE Away Sins of the WORLD

Remember Passover was DELIVERANCE from SIN > NOT DELIGHTING in it Jewish householder had to GET RID of all YEAST > Symbol of Pervasive EVIL Our EXODUS is from DARKNESS of SLAVERY to DAYLIGHT of SERVICE REDEMPTION brings RENEWAL > From Malice & Evil to Sincerity & Truth

WARNS that SIN will Spread thru Church – YEAST...gets Everywhere!

DUTY of ALL Church to EXHORT, ENCOURAGE, and EXCOMMUNICATE

None of us stands alone, and the life of each one of us has an effect on our fellow believers. That is why the church has to exercise discipline over its members.

David Jackman

“D” word is DIRTY word in MOST CHURCHES Today

We're comfortable with the idea of self-discipline...weight loss, eating healthy, earning a degree...we understand these take focus, hard work, and self-discipline. However, we are uncomfortable with the idea of being disciplined by an external force...we are all free agents, and every relationship and life station is a contract that can be renegotiated or cancelled, whether the prince, the parents, the spouse, the salesman, the boss, the judge, and of course, the local church.

Jonathan Leeman

Lord Jesus had Message for another 1st C church just across Aegean Sea

Jesus to the church in Thyatira: “I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality...I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works...He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”
Revelation 2.20-29

Paul warns Corinthian Church > Tottering on Brink of Extinction

2. Hope for the World

Apostle Paul ASSIGNS this MAN to COMPLETELY Different Spiritual World

v. 5 you are to deliver this man to Satan

REAL PLACE that should evoke REAL TERROR

Not FIRST Time we PAUL used this TACTIC

...some have made shipwreck of their faith, among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.
1 Timothy 1.19,20

a. Prince of this World

RULE of the Evil One BEGAN in the GARDEN of EDEN – Choice 1st Parents
Rejected God’s Interpretation of GOOD & EVIL – Claimed WISER than God

Kool-Aid DRINKING was SERVED UP by SATAN

Paul will tell Corinthians he is...

the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ
2 Corinthians 4.4

Paul writing this letter from Ephesus where he calls him

“...the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience”
Ephesians 2.2

LAME DUCK LEADER – Voted OUT of Office by RISEN LORD JESUS

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.”
Luke 10.17,18

IF NOT Faithful Follower of LORD JESUS CHRIST – Handed SELF to Satan

We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him. We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.
1 John 5.18-20

EITHER in GRIP of God or EVIL One – How do you KNOW?

“keep on sinning” --- No Remorse, Regret, Repentance > No Fight, Forsaking

EVERYONE Sins – And we will Sin until we See Jesus – Are we GROWING?

Get OUT of Situation makes us Fall – Pray with Friend – Control Thoughts

Man CHASING Sin with RADICAL Abandon – Delighting in Disobedience!

v. 5 “you are to deliver this man to Satan...”

What does it mean to deliver a Christian “unto Satan”? It does not mean to deprive him of salvation, since it is not the church that grants salvation to begin with.
Warren Wiersbe

v. 5 “...for the destruction of the flesh” – Used Support Torture > Inquisition
NOT talking about PHYSICAL BODY >> PERSON, REAL SELF, NATURE
FLESH > STUBBORN RESOLVE of HEART to DISOBEY God, Serve SELF

“I know what I am doing is WRONG! And I don’t CARE!”

Wake Up my Friend! I fear for your SOUL! God is Not JOKING! Be Careful!

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.

1 Corinthians 11.27-30

DISCIPLINE Not Done by PIOUS POLICEMEN – Broken Hearted Bro’s & Sis’
Realize BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD – That’s ME! – No Merit to BOAST

b. Picture for the World > Paul’s Expectation of Church is CLEAR

v. 2 Let him who has done this be removed from among you.

v. 5 you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh

v. 7 Cleanse out the old leaven

v. 9 I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people

v. 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.

v. 13 “Purge the evil person from among you.”

Church ACKNOWLEDGING Man SERVING Satan not the SAVIOR

Letter is PICTURE of Living Church – Not given WHOLE Story

Based on Matthew 18 – This is FINAL Step of Discipline PROCESS

Should NOT happen OFTEN – But SOMETIMES it Needs to HAPPEN

Be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints.

Ephesians 5.1-3

MEAN we De-Friend them on FACEBOOK – Hire Security Guard keep OUT
 NEVER Shake Hand or Smile at Them – IF call on PHONE just HANG UP
 No! Jesus says we LOVE all PEOPLE – Want them to Know our LOVE

Love in TRUTH > Following Jesus NOT Joke – Dangerous to Play with God
 Better we ALL Admit your Life is Not Christian – Call what you are: LOST!

Come to Church – Welcome GUEST! Not Brother or Sister, NOT FAMILY!
 Please DON'T take Communion – DANGEROUS for you, People DIED!
 If want to REPENT & be RESTORED to Christ & Congregation WELCOME!

Couple years ago Young Man in ZGC Declared > Christian Homosexual
 Tried to Convince Small Group was Biblical and Blessed by God
 They Disagreed – No more Group at your Place – No More Teaching from You
 You are Welcome to Attend – Came to Group & Church
 Talked to Me, other Leaders, and Members > Told us we were WRONG
 Not a MEMBER – Gradually Drifted Away from Church – Moved to Homeland

Heard Clearly from Many in ZGC – Homosexuality is Forgivable SIN!
 Xtians Struggle with Same-Sex Attraction – Like Everyone Struggles w/ Sin
 ALL of Us must FIGHT Sin and Seek Daily Grace for Forgiveness / Filling

v. 11 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.

EAT --- Chase from Table in CANTEEN >> Lord's Supper > AGAPE MEAL

Hard to APPRECIATE how TERRIBLE this IS, Extreme Spiritual Vulnerability
 Dropped, Defenseless, Disowned behind LINES of ENEMY Occupied Territory

So SHOCKING that Ananias and Saphira Dropped DEAD

My guess is that by MERCY & GRACE they WOKE UP in HEAVEN

But NOT Clearly Told – Dare NOT PRESUME – God is to be FEARED

SAD Moment: Paul their Father giving LIFE telling World how FREE from SIN

Spiritual Kids in Corinthian Church REJOICING that they Lived in OPEN SIN

A healthy church is a self-correcting ecosystem...in community we willingly submit to one another and receive informal, formative discipline...experience spurts of informal discipline every time we gather. We should regularly admonish one another to confess sins. We should preach the necessity of a life lived in step with the gospel. Stephen Um

c. Promise for the World

v. 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.*

That was PAUL'S Mission in LIFE – this man – Corinthians – ALL be SAVED

NOTICE Paul has NO Word of Judgment for WRONGED WOMAN

Apparently NOT a Christian – NO Word of CONDEMNATION or Correction

Paul: “I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.” Acts 20.24

Paul WILLINGLY & JOYFULLY came ALONE to SIN-LOVING City Corinth

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth...And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks. Acts 18.1,4

Came ALONE to this SIN-SICK City to tell them about a SAVIOR

OPPOSED him, REVILED him, ATTACKED him, Tried to ARREST him

When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 1 Corinthians 2.1,2

NOT About PAUL – Gave himself FULLY to Love and Serve CORINTH

Man Sentenced to Death - Spectacle to the World - Scum of the World

We judge the world...but we don't say hard things to people in the church because we're afraid of making things awkward. So, we just condemn those on the outside, because it is easier that way...Not only are we to keep ourselves from judging the world, we are supposed to get close to it and win them over with love.

Stephen Um

3. Present Power of Sovereign Spirit

vs. 3,4 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. When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus

Paul is placing the whole disciplinary procedure in the total authority of Jesus Christ as Lord, the corporate presence of the whole Christian community in Corinth, and the sovereign control of the Lord over what Satan is permitted to do.

David Prior

Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

Matthew 18.18-20

a. Shock and Sorrow

v. 1 It is actually reported...

v. 2 And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn?

Mourning – Someone DIED, Sorrow, Grief, Disgrace, Dishonor

DEEP Anguish of the SOUL – Something Most of Us RARELY FEEL

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” Matthew 5.4

Sometimes act like GOD is our BUDDY that we TELL What to DO

DAY of his COMING will be SHOCKING, SURPRISING, and SORROWFUL

Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. Revelation 1.7

b. Separation from Sin Not Sinners

vs. 9-12 I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—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...For what have I to do with judging outsiders?

2nd Letter Paul written to Corinthians – Wrote at Least 4 – 2 Part of God’s Word

We should not expect unbelievers to submit to the Lordship of Jesus

First we are to call them to repentance and faith in Him.

MAN who was MOST SEPARATED from SIN > called “Friend of SINNERS”

One REASON wanted to Kill Jesus – Holy Man had Sinners for HOMIES!

BIGGEST PROBLEM > Not in WORLD or OTHERS but in US! -

Need to WALK with Jesus IN the World – NOT HIDE in our HOLY HUDDLE

World is WATCHING Church – IF NO Different from World – Why Come?

Why should they BELIEVE in the Jesus we PREACH?

The church’s responsibility is to model God’s countercultural standards before a watching world rather than trying to impose those standards on society as a whole. Craig Blomberg

We need to PRAY for Selves as Jesus PRAYED for US...

Jesus: “I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.”

John 17.14-18

The world is waiting to see such a church, a church which takes sin seriously, which enjoys forgiveness fully, which in its times of gathering together combines joyful celebration with an awesome sense of God’s immediacy and authority...that will never happen if we refuse to come into costly, compassionate contact with men and women of the world. David Prior

c. Savior for All

v. 5 deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

MAN would have been POSTER BOY #MeToo – OPEN SHAME of SIN

Speculation: Church Leader? Rich? Influential? > Church Afraid to Speak Out

Just FEW Lines of INFO Easy to HATE this GUY – BURN in Hell BAD BOY!

R U GLAD we are NOT GOD > Merciful, Gracious, Kind, to Most Undeserving

SATAN may KILL the BODY but he cannot DESTROY the SOUL

ELECT don’t have Special Tattoo Can Identify > No IDEA who will be SAVED

How many Early Christians that Saul of Tarsus > Paul the Apostle?

I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 1.13-17

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