

Root Work – Week 6 - 1 Corinthians 5:1–8

“Living Holy Instead of Compromising”

MAIN TRUTH: Holiness is not about earning God’s love. It is the natural response to having been changed by God’s love.

Supporting Scriptures

1 Peter 1:15–16

Leviticus 18:8

Galatians 6:1

Hebrews 12:6

Galatians 5:9

Exodus 12:13

John 1:29

Romans 12:1–2

Key Takeaways

- Compromise rarely happens all at once; it often begins when we slowly move the line and learn to justify what once convicted us.
- Scripture is not inviting us to become sin inspectors. It is inviting us to become heart examiners.
- God’s Word—not culture, feelings, or personal preference—is the standard for truth.
- Biblical correction is never about humiliation. Its goal is repentance, restoration, and bringing someone back to Jesus.
- Truth and gentleness are not enemies. Holiness and compassion belong together.
- A little leaven spreads: what we tolerate in our hearts can quietly shape our thinking, responses, relationships, and witness.
- Christ our Passover has already been sacrificed for us. We do not live differently so Jesus will save us; we live differently because He already has.
- The Cross keeps us from pride and from becoming casual about sin.
- Holiness flows from identity: we belong to Jesus, so we remove what no longer belongs in the life He has given us.
- Holiness is not simply about restriction; it is about reflection—becoming more like Jesus.

Discussion Questions

- Where do you see the difference between being a “sin inspector” and being a “heart examiner”?
- Is there something that once convicted you that you have slowly become more comfortable with? What changed?
- Why is it dangerous to let culture or feelings redefine something God has already made clear in His Word?
- What does biblical correction look like when truth, gentleness, humility, and restoration are all present?
- What “little leaven” can quietly spread in a person’s life—bitterness, gossip, pride, unforgiveness, compromise, or something else?
- What does “Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us” teach you about both grace and holiness?
- How does the question “Does this help me look more like Jesus?” change the way you evaluate choices, habits, relationships, and attitudes?

Personal Reflection

Spend time with the Lord this week. Ask Him to search your heart before you think about anyone else’s life.

- Lord, is there anything in me that I have become comfortable with that You are asking me to deal with?
- Am I teachable when Your Word or the Holy Spirit puts a finger on something that needs to change?
- Am I defending, explaining, or justifying something instead of simply saying, “Lord, You’re right”?
- Is there an attitude, habit, relationship, bitterness, unforgiveness, or hidden compromise that does not look like Jesus?
- Am I asking, “How close can I get to the line?” or “How close can I stay to Jesus?”

Write one thing the Lord is showing you and one step of obedience you can take this week:
