

L63 | I Corinthians | Fornication Pt. 2 | I Cor. 5:1-8

I. Intro/Review:

- Review of Romans concerning God redemption to purchase us and for us to be used by Him and us to serve Him.
 - Redeemed our soul, quickened our spirit, provided the Spirit of God to teach us, to reasonably serve Him
 - We have been bought to glorify God in our spirit and body
 - The alternative now belonging to Him is "spiritual fornication"
 - Romans 7:1-4 - Christ is dead, thus we are freed from the law, to be married to another and not be an adulteress, the risen Christ - now belonging to Him if we function with another we commit spiritual fornication.
 - Our fruit is to be unto God, but when we operate upon the sin, the flesh, and the world we commit fornication.

II. Preview:

- The embrace of the wisdom of the world is to embrace the fashion of the world - the wisdom of the world is darkness that justifies sin.
 - Romans 1:20ff
 - Romans 13:11

III. Sermon:

{:1} - **"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."**

- The Body
 - Romans 6
 - Romans 7
 - Romans 8
 - Romans 12
- **"reported"** - heard, (passive)
- **"commonly"** - everywhere; utterly; frequently (well-known)
 - Pure church isn't to have immorality
 - So saturated in the culture it is difficult to "mortify the deeds of the body"
 - Sexual immorality before marriage and within marriage is fornication (general)/adultery/lewdness/chambering/wantonness/homosexuality/bestiality

- Greek culture - man could have sex at a whim; but the woman, the wife could not
 - Sex was like eating and drinking
- **"as is not so much as named among the Gentiles"** - uncommon with Gentiles and illegal under Roman law
 - **"that one should have his father's wife."** - stepmother
 - If it was his mother it would have said so
 - Step-mother (father's wife, not mother), same stigma
 - Incest forbidden under the law (Lev. 18:7-8, **29**; Deut. 22:30)

{: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."**

- **"puffed up"** - proud; inflate; haughty
 - How are they "puffed up"?
 - Did not take away the man away from them?
 - Permissible; arrogant and carnal; excuse this filthiness
 - God's attitude of sin when one is justified and sanctified doesn't change. He hates it.
 - Paul addresses this in Romans 6:11-15
 - **"God forbid"** - God forbids sin - grace is the provision to restrain sin to not let it reign and to mortify the deeds of the body
 - When you think, as a believer, God doesn't care about sin - you are puffed up!
 - I am justified - declared righteous
 - I am sanctified - dead to sin
 - To continue in sin is careless at best and blasphemous at least
 - **1 Thessalonians 4:1-8** - called unto holiness
 - As a Christian, especially if you claim maturity as a Christian or have been a Christian for years and you are not "perfecting holiness" then you are puffed up just as the Corinthians
 - Need to know this because there may be someone in the church engaging in this sin or in other sin, that is puffed up, that needs to be corrected.
 - **Ephesians 5:3-4** - "as becometh saints"
 - Notice, **"and YE"**
 - This fornication between this man and this woman who is his father's wife became

a church-wide sin.

- **1 Timothy 5:21-22** - "...neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure."
 - The churches failure to judge has made the church partaker of this sin ("yet")
 - Bragging about worldly wisdom (I am of Paul...; I am of Cephas)
 - Bragging about spiritual gifts
 - Now puffed up about immorality (maybe a good example of how they were free in Christ - or how gracious they were)

- **"mourn"** - in hope to gain your brother
 - "godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation" - **2 Corinthians 7:10**

 - When church doesn't mourn about sin its purity diminishes and becomes ineffective
 - When the church is no longer shocked by sin we lose our defense and purity
 - We cannot take it lightly, cannot tolerate it, cannot become careless
 - Not looking to make you feel better

- **"that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you."**
 - **"done this deed"** - Romans 8:13 (not mortifying)
 - 1) Need - not just sin, but puffed up about sin
 - 2) Method - go to brother and correct him (Gal. 6:1ff), two or more, than to church

 - Discipline
 - He needs the church, yes, but we don't need him - impacting the church negatively
 - **"a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?" (:6)**

 - **"in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"** - He is Lord and Master and conducting yourself in His name (authority)
 - Christ's view of sin

 - Lord's table - provisions
 - Lord's supper - practice

 - **"taken away from among you."**
 - Get him or her out, stop the leavening, purify the church

IV. Conclusion: