

L65 | I Corinthians | Unleavened with Leaven | I Cor. 5:1-8

I. Intro/Review:

- The necessity for the judgment and actions of Paul by the authority of Jesus Christ is stipulated in the foundation of the gospel, our identity in Christ, calling, and instruction.
- The church cannot tolerate these sins in the sense in which they are not mourned.
- When there is a fault identified and blame to be cast then there is a godly process to follow:
 1. One on one
 - Intent to restore and gain
 - Consider yourself
 - Spirit of meekness
 - Bear the burden
 - Mourn/repent - restored and gained
 - Puffed up/hardness - move to second step
 2. One or two more (2 or 3)
 - Intent to restore and gain
 - Consider yourself
 - Spirit of meekness
 - Bear the burden
 - Mourn/repent - restored and gained
 - Puffed up/hardness - move to third step
 3. The church
 - Same manner
 - Mourn/repent - restored and gained
 - Puffed up/hardness - avoid/taken away
- A failure of sobriety in the church (both offender and failed church response) regarding these sins Paul's judgment is not 1-2, but moves to 3.

II. Preview:

- The Purpose & Fruit of Church Chastening
 - Individual & Church

III. Sermon:

{: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."

- "to deliver such an one unto Satan"
 - Something Paul did often

- 2 Tim. 2:24-26
- 1 Tim. 1:20
- Rev. 2:18-29 - the church of Thyatira
- Rev. 3:14-19 - the church of Laodiceans
- How do you deliver such an one unto Satan?
 - 2 Corinthians 4:4 - "the god of this world"
- Not welcome in the church (Rom. 16:17ff - mark and avoid)
- Now in our day both in Christendom and the grace movement this doesn't seem like a big deal
 1. Churches don't correct, and
 2. The people don't have the proper view of the church
 - Think church because it isn't a building decide to stay home and do it through zoom or solely online - or just don't come to church - I can only imagine what Paul would say?
 - Don't have a church, start one, or move to be a part of one, at least seek to be a part of that church as much as you can.
 - Well at least we are not coming together for the worse - so we just won't come together.
 - For those that can assemble (called out assembly - this group of people on certain days assemble signifying we are called out of the world) who don't will give an account of that before the Lord.
 - So think of your account before Christ now
 - Too far
 - Too tired
 - Don't feel like it
 - I was offended
 - Yet none of them consider what Christ has said on the matter - always some excuse
- Part of the problem today is people don't assemble the way they ought to, they come and go at their pleasure, I am free in America (not understanding they are Christ's servant), with no spiritual appetite for the things of God - His Word and His people, it's just one thing they do.
 - Therefore, they may not be growing, may be rotting in their sin, and keep the church (God's means of cleansing) at arm's reach. (What a mess?)
- **Why do we engage in church chastening?**
 1. For the individual, and
 2. For the church
 - Faithful obedience to God's Word

- Love for His righteousness and holiness
- People in the church love holiness - it may not be what you're here for, but what Christ is doing - conforming, transforming, growing, changing you into His image!
 - True growth of a church and when its done the church although may not have the numbers it will be those that are not perfect, but perfecting holiness.
 - This is in contrast to the marketing schemes to get a mass of people that give lip service to God and have all their temporal comforts met in the church.
- I want the church when they will help me in situations, but not when they correct me for ungodliness - selfish
- The wisdom of the God in correction -
 - **Pro. 3:11** - "My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:"
 - **Pro. 10:17** - "He is in the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof erreth."
 - **Prov. 12:1** - "Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish."
 - **Prov. 13:8** - "Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured."
 - **Pro. 15:5** - "A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent."
 - **Prov. 15:10** - "Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die."
 - **Prov. 15:31-32** - "The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise. He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding."
 - **Proverbs 5:1-14** "My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding: {2} That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge. {3} For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil: {4} But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword. {5} Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell. {6} Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, that thou canst not know them. {7} Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth. {8} Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house: {9} Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel: {10} Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours be in the house of a stranger; {11} And thou mourn

at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed, {12} And say,
How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised
reproof; {13} And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor
inclined mine ear to them that instructed me! {14} I was almost in all
evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly."

- Yet, this is what the church is to do led by the elders and deacons is to have him taken from among you, deliver to Satan, don't grant him access in.
 - But he will just go to another church, that isn't your problem, that's his
 - He may go to many churches and get kicked out, maybe he will learn his lesson in the next church, but if you never had delivered him he maybe never would've learned what he was supposed to, and if you don't you are not being a faithful minister of Christ (1 Cor. 4:1ff).
 - He will need to give an account to the Lord and so will we, we must be faithful (Rom. 14:10-12)
- **Summary** - first purpose in church chastening is for the individual in the fault, to gain and restore him/her, if you do not gain him, then you have him taken from among you.
 - **"destruction of the flesh"**
 - Destruction of the flesh now, the fruit of the flesh will be destruction in the time to come
 - Outer Man
 - **"that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus."**
 - Satan can't touch the inner man (salvation)
 - You give him temporarily over to Satan to be dealt with by the Lord "in the day".
 - His spirit shall be saved, but due to the destruction of the flesh he will not have wasted much of his time and his own purity.
 - 1 Corinthians 1:4:9
 - "confirm you unto the end"
 - God is faithful even when you are not
 - Enjoy His riches, not that of the world
 - Amazing, rich, exceeding, abound grace
 1. God's grace for the sin of the unbeliever isn't less for the believer (God's attitude)
 2. God's holiness isn't more to the unbeliever and less for the believer (Our responsibility)

{:6} - "Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?"

- **"Your glorying is not good"** - 1 Corinthians 1:29
 - This isn't Christ's glory

- He isn't glorying in this
 - He isn't pleased with this
 - This is contrary to His work
 - This is contrary to Him
 - This isn't loving Christ
 - This is grieving the Spirit
 - This isn't walking after the Spirit
 - This is walking after the flesh
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- This is true love - He loves you forever, but correct you when you are not perfecting holiness!
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- **1 Corinthians 1:30-31** - "But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness (not fornication), and sanctification (not uncleanness), and redemption: that, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let Him glory in the Lord."
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- Evil glory!
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- **"Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?"**
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2. The other reason you chasten and correct - not only for the individual but the whole church
 - They should know this
 - Leaven - that to increase the lump upon baking it
 - Represents sin (the meat offering - Leviticus 2:1ff)
 - Represents the Spirit in the believer (the new meat offering - Leviticus 23:16 (Pentecost))
 - 1 Corinthians 3:16 - "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"
 - Romans 5:5 - "Holy Ghost which is given unto us."
 - Romans 8:9 - "...the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, He is none of His."
 - 1 Corinthians 6:19 - "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"
 - Leaven can corrupt
 - Leaven of doctrine - Gal. 5:9
 - Leaven of sin - 1 Cor. 5:6-7
 - Most leaven of conduct comes from heresies we hold to
 - Examine our heresies and conduct changes (1 Cor. 11:18-19, 15:33)

{:7} - "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:"

- **Romans 6:13** - "Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God."
 - You are unleavened = you are dead to sin, you are alive to God
 - :12 - "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof."
 - They already are unleavened and when they are gathered together they are to be a new lump, but they have "old leaven" they need to "purge out"
 - **"purge out"** - cleanse thoroughly; To cleanse or purify by separating and carrying off whatever is impure
 - Ephesians 5:25-26 - "that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,"
 - The Complete Word of God
 - Reading
 - Teaching and Preaching
 - Edifying and Admonishing One Another
 - Chastening
- **"For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:"**
 - Passover - the shedding of blood that when God sees the blood He will not smite the firstborn
 - Christ the firstborn is smitten for us, His shed blood
 - He is the lamb of God slain
 - They were to partake with no leaven - the dealing with sin
 - Ye are unleavened and be that new lump
 - A new lump - a new meeting offering offered after Passover (dead), unleavened bread (buried), firstfruits (raised), Pentecost (revived)
 - We are "unleavened" - position/identity; therefore, "purge out" leaven, be "new lump" - be what you are
 - **1 Corinthians 10:16-17** - "...one bread...for we are all partakers of that one bread."
 - 1 Corinthians 1:10 - perfectly joined together (joined imperfectly)

{: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."

- **"therefore"** - conclusion
- **"let us keep the feast"** - Colossians 2:16-17 - "but the body is of Christ"
 - We are not to bake some cakes of fine flour withholding the leaven, then adding leaven on the right day

- But we are to "keep" what the "feast" was tutoring. We fulfill the righteousness of the law when we walk after the Spirit (Rom. 8:1ff)
- Our communion, our fellowship in Christ - how do we "keep" it
 - Do we "keep" it with what the "old leaven" signified - sin
 - The "leaven of malice and wickedness"
 - **"malice"** - extreme enmity of heart, a disposition to injure others without cause, from mere personal gratification or from a spirit of revenge
 - Rom. 1:29, 1 Cor. 14:20, Eph. 4:31, Col. 3:8, Tit. 3:3, Jas. 1:21, 1 Pet. 2:1, 16
 - **"wickedness"** - evil disposition or practices
 - Mark 7:21-22, Acts 3:26 (iniquities), Rom. 1:29, Eph 6:12
 - But we keep the feast our communion with "unleavened bread" not simply not sinning, but with the unleavened bread that we are and partake of....
 - **"sincerity"** - honesty of mind or intention; freedom from simulation (Rom. 12:9) - clearness and purity
 - Who we are is that which we are to act like
 - **"truth"** - conformity to fact or reality; exact accordance with that which is, or has been, or shall be
 - We commune in view of Christ
 - 1 Cor. 13:6; Eph. 4:21, 24, 5:9, 6:14; 2 The. 2:12, 1 Tim. 2:4, 3:15, 6:5, 2 Tim. 3:7-8, Tit. 1:1

IV. Conclusion: