

1 CORINTHIANS

Characteristics of a healthy church

Chapter 10

The Healthy Church

- 1. Keep the main thing, the main thing! = Jesus (His death, his resurrection)**
- 2. The Gospel = wisdom of God & the power of God**
- 3. Holy Spirit = Key to growth & transformation work in the you & the church!**
- 4. Strives for , righteousness, holiness & purity**

The Healthy Church

5. Understands that biblically loving God & loving others is the foundation of the church - one does not negate the other!
6. Gains biblical knowledge to build up the body in love not puff itself up or to lord over others
7. Doesn't fight for personal rights, but seeks right relationships and right living!

The Healthy Church

8. Offers the Gospel for free!
9. Is Humble and Vigilant in their relationship with God, each other and the world around them!

I Corinthians

9:24-10:13

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

- ★ Paul saying here, he has to keep himself in spiritual shape because it's easy to get taken out of the race of life
 - The race=working out our salvation with the prize of the crown of eternal life
 - Everyone can win - we aren't against one another...we are against the enemy of God Satan and the world

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

- WE are all on team Jesus...this IS the WINNING TEAM!

[6] And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. [7] The one who conquers(overcomes) will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. [8] But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

Revelation 21:6-8 ESV

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

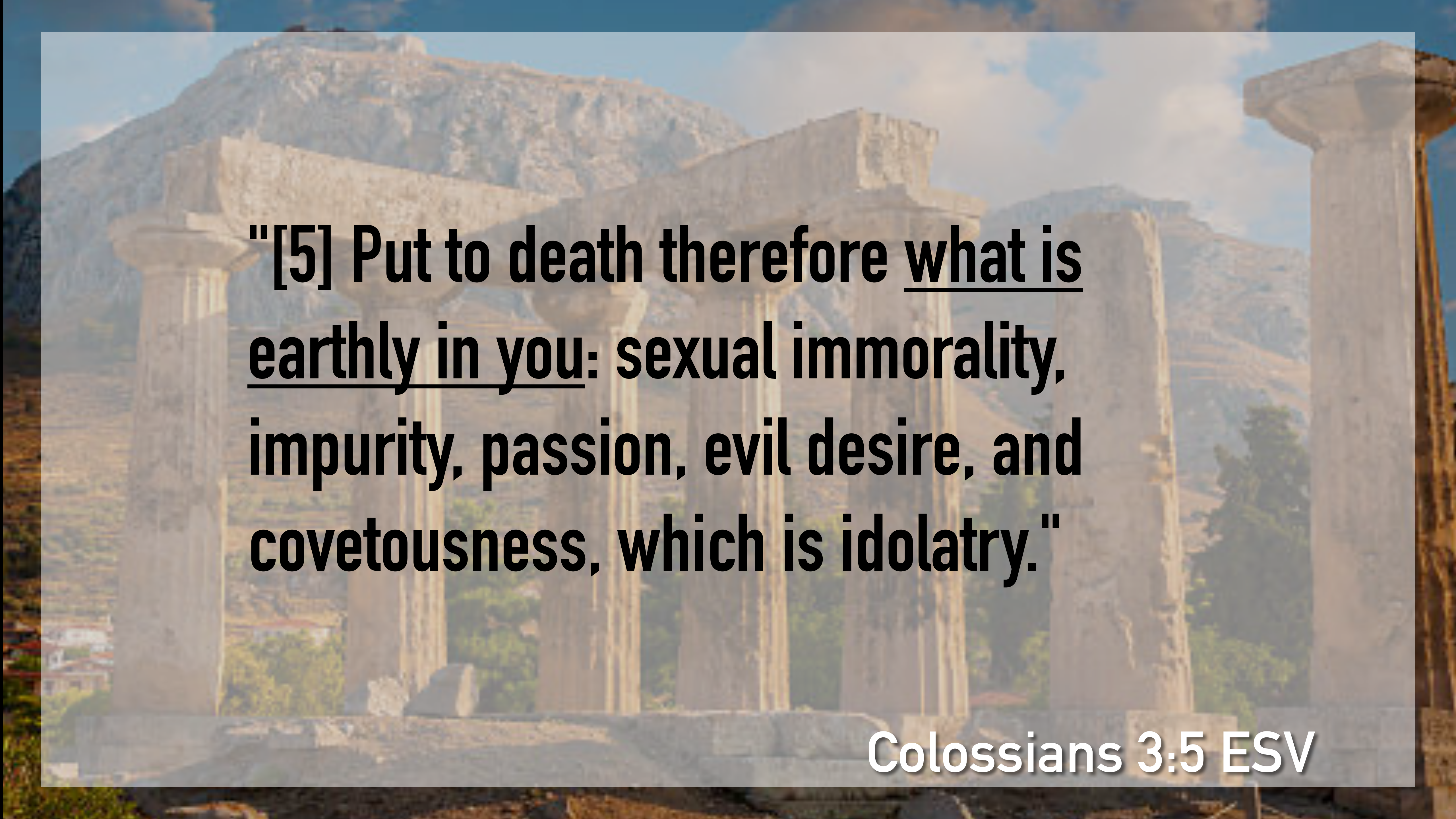
- ★ Paul does not want us to be ignorant!
- ★ we need to learn from our history and the previous examples
- ★ Israelites were God's chosen, privileged people yet he was not happy with them!
 - So are we believers = Baptized by water and into His Holy Spirit...we walk with the very presence of Christ within us!

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

- Daily manna = Christ himself and the refreshment of his Holy Spirit from within
- They had all the miracles and all the blessings yet they died in the desert!
- ★ (v7) Referring to **Ex.32** when Aaron made the golden calf
- ★ (v8) Referring to **Num. 25** when Balaam got the Moabites & Midianites to invite Israel to join them

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

- Actually 24,000 died
- ★ (v9) **Num. 21** - when they grumbled about the manna
- ★ (v11) **Num. 16** when Korah lead the revolt
- ★ The temptations are real...idolatry, partying, complaining, disatifation
 - what about Idolatry?

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"[5] Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry."

Colossians 3:5 ESV

6 Ways the Church can be Humble & Vigilant

- 1. Constantly develop your relationship with Jesus (Jn 15) = Recognize Privilege & Piety are not insurance against spiritual failure**
- 2. Purposefully Training & Develop strong Faith - 2 Peter 1:3-11**
- 3. Heed Warnings - follow good examples**
- 4. Seek the way Out of temptation and stand firm!**