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Verse 12 - this end, the conclusion is that we are to judge the church but not the people outside of the church

We do the exact opposite we are really good at judging people outside the church but not very good at dealing with sin inside the church

Matthew 7:1–2 (NKJV): 7 “Judge not, that you be not judged. 2 For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged;

We think this means I won't judge you if you want to judge me so let's ignore each other's sin

Examples

Judgement does belong in the church- Self-righteous judgement has no place in the church when we do judge the church we are as it humble truthful as a sinner specking to a sinner belongs in the church

The church isn't given the responsibility, to judge the world that is God's job see, 1 Corinthians 5: 12

We are too good at telling the world how to live but we ignore judging each other inside the church.

We are called to spur one another on to love, good deed, Righteousness and holiness

Pitfalls- sin police no! We are not sniffing out each others sin

The other pitfall is tolerance or indifference And the fact of the matter it can be Lack of moral courage

We want to avoid these pitfalls that land on the extremes Learn where to draw the line

We need to do some background work to help us understand what Paul is getting @ in chapter 5

There are four different threads referenced in 1 cor chapter 5 that come from the Old Test

1 blood and unleavened bread from exodus 12

2 purging out evil from Deuteronomy 13, 17, 19, 22

3 don't sleep with your stepmother Leviticus 18:8

4 corporate identity Joshua chapter 7

1 blood and unleavened bread Exodus

Let my people go

there was a series of plagues \_ this plagues were directly related to the worship practices of Egypt \_ assaults not random- after Egyptian deities \_ they can't save you

The Israelites were sanctified, set apart from the plagues to show Israel and Egypt who was the the and living God

Except for the last plague the last plague was the death of every first born son for both Egyptians and Israelites

To be exempt from the death plague each household would have to kill a spotless lamb and apply it's blood on the door posts and lintel

Exodus 12:12-13 (ESV): 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. 13 The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

Get inside the home and stay there. where be you will covered by the blood of the lamb the judgement of God will Passover you

Feast of unleavened bread

Exodus 12:14–15 (ESV): 14 “This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast. 15 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.

On the night of the Passover they were to be ready to move out they were to eat the lambs with sandals on robes prepared for hiking and with unleavened bread

Two ideas Paul is weaving into this portion of scripture from exodus is that under the blood in the home you are covered and secondly purge the yeast from the home

**Second thread** is purge the evil from among you

In Deuteronomy there are over 25 capital offenses listed of crimes that were so destructive to the community of Israel that the sentence was death

False prophets

Deuteronomy 13:5 (ESV): But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has taught rebellion against the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house of slavery, to make you leave the way in which the Lord your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.

Purge the evil among you a repeated over and over

Leaven became a symbol of evil that needed to be purged from the community

**Jesus uses this imagery of purging evil when he says**

Matthew 18:8–9 (ESV): And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. 9 And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

Jesus was using symbolism to communicate that **if there is something in your life that is threatening to corrupt your whole life get rid of it**

Cut it off, get rid of it, **purge the evil to protect the whole**

**3 don't sleep with your step mother**

Deuteronomy 27:20 (ESV): Cursed be anyone who lies with his father's wife, because he has uncovered his father's nakedness.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

Easy one

#### 4 corporate identity Joshua chapter 7

We emphasize individuality in our culture in the Bible you find lineage genealogy all over the place because you are always more than an individual you are part of collective whole

There are times when the whole community was held responsible for the sin of a few

The church is a community a collective whole a people like a body

Walls of Jericho come down and the spoil from the first battle is devoted to the Lord

Joshua 7:1 (ESV): But the people of Israel broke faith in regard to the devoted things, for Achan the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of the devoted things. And the anger of the Lord burned against the people of Israel.

The Lord treated Israel as a single identity as a whole based on the actions of one member

1 covered by the blood in the house with the family

2 purge the leaven evil from among you

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4 we have a corporate identity and will be held accountable for the body not just the part I am

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Sexual immorality is **pornea** any sexual activity outside of marriage as defined by Gen 2:24  
One man and one woman for life

In Corinth a city accepted practice was the worship of Aphrodite, but they had their limits they had a line they would not cross

There was something happening in the church that even a self respecting pagan would say no way

They are puffed up-proud this is to be mourned-contributing to the death of the church  
corporate responsible is to put him out of the fellowship

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You haven't judged him but I have

There is power in the assembled church Christ is present there those who love us and pry for us are there in spirit.

Context of church discipline and judgment

Matthew 18:18–20 (ESV): 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. 19 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. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

With this power in christ-hand over to Satan

Remember Passover outside the household is darkness and death in the household the blood covers you and you are safe hand the person over to Satans sphere satan's realm for what purpose do

Revelation and redemption

*living according to the old person old lump  
compacted over  
live as you are - a new lump who sin*

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The Passover lamb Jesus Christ has been sacrificed we are covered washed e the blood we are in the household of God practice the feast of unleavened bread

Yeast equals corruption purge the yeast from the home

The yeast can corrupt the whole thing

The old leaven is gone paid for by the blood of Jesus we are truly unleavened in Christ be who you are.

Malice the intent to do evil-sin ' sincerity is without deceit or hypocrisy true honest

*honest about your sin - desire to live according to truth*

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So where do you draw the line.

Every community has lines they draw

Discernment is knowing where to draw the lines

I told you already in a previous letter not to keep company with this guy and it seems you must be confused because I wasn't talking about the people outside the church I was talking about the ones claiming to be family

Abuser of people - idolater - covetous

*- refusing to purge leaven  
destructive - infectious - influencing*

Don't eat communion - bread and blood remembering our Passover lamb - the work of Jesus that made us free - pure - purged of evil.

Does your presence communicate acceptance?

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Last verse is in quotes - Deuteronomy

Who is the evil person to purge?

Redemption is always the goal humility is paramount

I sin can I come back?

Paul is not talking to sinners we all fall short but we are a new lump new lumps live a lifestyle of confession and repentance

This is about a "brother" who blatantly and openly sins with no regard for the church there is no repentance their sin is impact infecting the church and when approached in love there is no establishment of guilt, refuse to accept they are in sin

How are we to see our community ?

Remember your sin affects the whole body and there is corporate accountability - what you do affects this church - the decisions you make affect us all, you don't go to church you are the church.

We are connected to one another we will hurt one another and bless one another

Remember when we judge our brothers and sisters let it always be in love and humility and under the same judgement

*⇒ Where to draw the line -  
preferences, styles, methods, ministries  
interpretations of prophecy* — *not lines to draw*

↑ → abusive - infectious - Christ minimizes  
→ purge