

# The Purpose of Community Discipline

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

(Part C)

The Church and Ongoing Sin

The Church's Answer to Sin

- The Need for Church Discipline
- The Failure to Practice Church Discipline

I. The Case for Discipline (5:1-5)

II. The Basis of Discipline (5:6-8)

III. The Focus of Discipline (5:9-13)

A. The Focus Stated (5:9)

- associate to be in a joint relationship; to mix it up

  1. The Danger of One's Associates Described Biblically
  2. The Danger of One's Associates Expressed Socially

B. The Focus Explained (5:10-13a)

1. Who is Not Included (5:10)
  - a. Their Identity Stated
  - b. Their Identity Defended
  - c. Their Identity Explained
2. Who is Included (5:11-13a)
  - a. Who He Is (5:11a)
    - called name or naming
  - b. What He Does (5:11b)
  - c. What They Should Do (5:11c)
    - 1) The Extent of Their Response
    - 2) The Disposition of Their Response
      - a) Stated
      - b) Explained
  - d. Why They Should Do It (5:12-13a)

C. A Restatement of Discipline (5:13b)

- manifests an obedient humble heart before God
- prevents the spread of sin throughout the congregation
- provides opportunity for correction to take place
- allows the church to manifest its true nature
- manifests that the church truly acknowledges Christ's sacrifice