

1 Corinthians 5

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Sunday Morning

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Review: The Corinthians were passing critical judgment on other each other & Paul told them **to stop it** – because:

1. Because they/you couldn't see the unseen things – needed to make a legitimate judgment of others – **1 Cor.4:5**
2. No one ask them to be the judge of others – **1 Cor.4:7**
3. They were self-deceived & didn't see themselves honestly – **1 Cor.4:8**
4. They didn't know what God has called others to do for Him – **1 Cor.4:9**

5. Typical of people who judge – they weren't judging what needed to be judged

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1. "immorality...does not exist even among the Gentiles"
 - a. Probably step mother
 - b. The relationship was illegal according to O.T. & Roman law (Cicero)

V.2 You have become arrogant and have not mourned instead, so that the one who had done this deed would be removed from your midst.

1. "You have become arrogant"
 - a. Oh, the horrible sin of incest !!

- b. But who has really committed the greater sin here?
 - c. The Corinthians had! **Their arrogance** was a greater sin than the sexual sin
 - i. Arrogance is the sin of pride
 - Proverbs 6:16** There are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: ¹⁷ **#1.** Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood...
 - d. What was their arrogance?
 - i. They had come to believe that being open minded was **more important** than being obedient to God's Word
 - e. What was Sodom & Gomorrah's greatest sin? Sexual perversion – nope!
 - i. It was arrogance
- Ezekiel 16:49** (NIV) "Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy.
2. "have not mourned instead"
- a. The word "mourned" is a very strong word – commonly used to mourn for the dead
 - i. Grieve deeply, to lament
 - b. If you look at the indictment against Sodom you see how it fits
 - i. They should have mourned but didn't because they were **#1. "Arrogant" #2. "overfed" #3. "unconcerned"**
 - c. The Corinthians should have mourned b/c – **#1.** God's witness to the world was damaged (but were too spiritually lethargic)
 - V.1** It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has his father's wife.
 - i. "actually" – literally means: wholly, commonly, everywhere
 - ii. Everyone was talking about this
 - d. They should have been mourning b/c – **#2.** Because sin is never stagnant – it continues to grow when left alone

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- e. They should have mourned b/c of consequences of sin – **#3**. But **no one cared** what would happen to the individual who was sinning.
 - i. A believer always pays a price for rebellion
 - ii. Living w/ sexual sin is rebellion

- f. God's principle of sowing & reaping is immutable

Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.

- g. When you don't see sin as it really is – you don't see the damage it brings
 - iii. Don't forget that it is sin that brought death & will bring God's wrath upon mankind

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—

Colossians 3:5 Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

⁶ For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience,
 - iv. Look what sin cost King David

2 Samuel 12:9 'Why have you despised the word of the LORD by doing evil in His sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the sons of Ammon.

¹⁰ 'Now **therefore**, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.'

¹¹ "Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you from your own household; I will even take your wives before your eyes and give *them* to your companion, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight.'"

¹² 'Indeed you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, and under the sun.'

V.14 "However, because by this deed you have given occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born to you shall surely die."

2 Samuel 13:28 Absalom commanded his servants, saying, "See now, when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say to you, 'Strike Amnon,' then put him to death. Do not fear; have not I myself commanded you? Be courageous and be valiant."

²⁹ The servants of Absalom did to Amnon just as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose and each mounted his mule and fled.

2 Samuel 15:13 Then a messenger came to David, saying, "The hearts of the men of Israel are with Absalom."

¹⁴ David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, "Arise and let us flee, for *otherwise* none of us will escape from Absalom. Go in haste, or he will overtake us quickly and bring down calamity on us and strike the city with the edge of the sword."

V.16 So the king went out and all his household with him. But the king left ten concubines to keep the house.

V.23 While all the country was weeping with a loud voice, all the people passed over. The king also passed over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over toward the way of the wilderness.

V.30 And David went up the ascent of the *Mount of Olives*, and wept as he went, and his head was covered and he walked barefoot. Then all the people who were with him each covered his head and went up weeping as they went.

2 Samuel 16:5 When King David came to Bahurim, behold, there came out from there a man of the family of the house of Saul whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera; he came out cursing continually as he came.

⁶ He threw stones at David and at all the servants of King David; and all the people and all the mighty men were at his right hand and at his left.

⁷ Thus Shimei said when he cursed, "Get out, get out, you man of bloodshed, and worthless fellow!"

⁸ "The LORD has returned upon you all the bloodshed of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned; and the LORD has given the kingdom into the hand of your son Absalom. And behold, you are taken in your own evil, for you are a man of bloodshed!"

⁹ Then Abishai the son of Zeruah said to the king, "Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Let me go over now and cut off his head."

V.11 Then David said to Abishai and to all his servants, "Behold, my son who came out from me seeks my life; how much more now this Benjamite? Let him alone and let him curse, for the LORD has told him.

¹² "Perhaps the LORD will look on my affliction and return good to me instead of his cursing this day."

¹³ So David and his men went on the way; and Shimei went along on the hillside parallel with him and as he went he cursed and cast stones and threw dust at him.

2 Samuel 16:21 Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Go in to your father's concubines, whom he has left to keep the house; then all Israel will hear that you have made yourself odious to your father. The hands of all who are with you will also be strengthened."

²² So they pitched a tent for Absalom on the roof, and Absalom went in to his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel.

2 Samuel 18:9 Now Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. For Absalom was riding on *his* mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. And his head caught fast in the oak, so he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him kept going.

V.15 And ten young men who carried Joab's armor gathered around and struck Absalom and killed him.

V.33 The king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept. And thus he said as he walked, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

- b. Ask King David the cost of sin!
 - i. Sin cost King David: his reputation, his new son died, his family fell apart, the son he loved the most turned against him, he lost his kingdom, the death of that son, in war the rest of his life
 - ii. How can someone not grieve when they see a believer living in rebellion knowing that it will bring pain?

- h. Arrogance causes you to lose legitimate compassion for people

- i. What looks like compassion by excusing their sin isn't really compassion –

V.3 For I, on my part, though absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged him who has so committed this, as though I were present.

V.4 In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and I with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus,

1. "I... have already **judged** him who has so committed this"
 - a. This verse shows that we are to judge – but we are to be very careful when we do judge another believer
 - i. There is always a danger of being caught in the same sin b/c it opens a door to temptation when we judge someone else

Galatians 6:1 Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, **so that** you **too** will not be tempted.

2. "In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled"
 - a. "when you are assembled" – this is to be done publicly b/c it was public sin
 - i. There may be times when done privately

1 Timothy 1:20 Among these are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan, so that they will be taught not to blaspheme.

3. "with the power of our Lord Jesus"
 - a. This is where the "power" spoken of in last chapter becomes important

1 Corinthians 4:20 For the kingdom of God does not consist in words but in power.
 - b. Do you know what power here means? It means movement in the spiritual realm – expecting something to happen when action is taken

V.5 I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

1. "I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan"
 - a. This is the final step in Church discipline

- b. There are several steps taken before this happens & this is only done as God directs a body to do so
- c. Luke 17 – Galatians 6 – 2 Thessalonians 3 – James 5
- d. This is a step that isn't taken very often b/c of the seriousness of it
 - i. I have been involved in church discipline but never felt led to this final step
- e. This isn't talking about kicking someone out of the Church – that is minor!
 - i. This is talking about taking a believer out from under God's protection & allowing Satan inflict punishment
- f. No clearer example in New Testament than Paul:

2 Corinthians 12:7 Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself!

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1. "a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough"
 - a. A couple of thoughts:
 - b. #1. We all sin – but there is a difference between falling into sin & living in rebellion
 - c. #2. The answer for sin & rebellion is repentance

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
 - d. #3. When things go wrong – remember this life is full of trials – God allows them for our good – don't look at every trial as God's punishment

James 1:2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,
³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.
⁴ And let endurance have *its* perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

- e. #4. If God is chastising you b/c of your sin – He will certainly let you know what that sin is – you won't have to guess – b/c He loves you

Hebrews 12:6 FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES."

⁷ It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom *his* father does not discipline?

V.11 All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

- f. #5. Never be satisfied w/ sin in your life

- i. Sin is aggressive & is never stagnant

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