

1 Corinthians 5:1-13 **Pride in Tolerance – Man with his father's wife**

Sin Identified

¹ It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles--that a man has his father's wife! ² And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you.

Righteous Judging in the Church

³ For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged (as though I were present) him who has so done this deed. ⁴ In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁵ deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?

Purge away the leaven of sin

⁷ Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. ⁸ Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Punish the sinner who calls himself a Brother in Christ

⁹ I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people. ¹⁰ Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. ¹¹ But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner--not even to eat with such a person. ¹² For what have I to do with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside? ¹³ But those who are outside God judges. Therefore "put away from yourselves the evil person."
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Facts Revealed:

Sin Identified [1 Corinthians 5:1-2]

- ✚ Blatant sexual immorality, a man is living with his father's wife.
- ✚ The Church is proud that they are tolerant of the sinner.
 - ✧ Church discipline is needed to call the sinner to repentance by mourning and disassociation.
 - ✧ Pride in tolerance of openly evil life style of Church members is in itself a sin.
 - ✧ A heart for godliness is needed, to the point that we are grieved and mourn when one of our members is continually living in open sin. [1 Corinthians 5:2, Ezekiel 9:1-6]

Righteous Judging in the Church [1 Corinthians 5:3-6]

- ✚ Instruction for Church discipline in the name of Jesus Christ:
 - ✧ Judge the case as a body when you are gathered together in the spirit with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - ✧ Deliver the sinner to Satan for destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the Day of the Lord Jesus.
 - ✧ Public grief and mourning over the sinner as he is sent away by the Church body imploring him to repent and turn from the sin may be enough to cause him to realize the seriousness of his sin and cause him to turn from it.

- ✧ Thus he has been delivered to Satan for the destruction of the flesh and his pride as is pointed out at the time of judgment.
- ✧ Being crushed and humbled in his flesh he may be open to repentance for being saved.
- ✧ The Day of Salvation for all of us is at the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ✚ Pride in tolerance of sin in the Church is not good.
 - ✧ Open tolerance of sin will infect the whole body.

Purge away the leaven of sin [1 Corinthians 5:7-8]

- ✚ With sin put out of the Church, the body is purged and becomes new and unleavened.
 - ✧ We need to be godly and pure in the Church because Christ our Passover lamb was sacrificed for us to cleanse us from all sin. [2 Corinthians 7:1, 1 John 1:7, 9]
 - ✧ Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. [1 Corinthians 5:8]

Punish the sinner who calls himself a Brother in Christ [1 Corinthians 5:9-13]

- ✚ Church judgment is required to keep the Church Body pure.
 - ✧ Therefore do not keep company with sexually immoral people who claim to be fellow believers in the Church.
 - ✧ This does not apply to unbelieving people who are sexually immoral, covetous, extortioners, or idolaters, in the world around us because that would require that we be taken out of the world.
 - ✧ If we disassociated ourselves from worldly sinners, how would we be able to reach out to them with the Gospel of Salvation?
 - ✧ However, do not keep company with anyone who calls himself a fellow or brother believer in the Church who is sexually immoral, covetous, an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or extortioner. Do not even eat with such a person.
 - ✧ That type of hypocrite would defile the Body from the inside and bring disrepute to the whole Church from the outside.
 - ✧ We are expected to judge and discipline those in the Church to keep the Church pure and holy.
 - ✧ We are not to judge those outside, but seek to save them.
 - ✧ God will judge the sinners outside the Church.
 - ✧ So, purge away the evil persons from among yourselves and be holy.