

Sermon: How to Handle Immoral Members

Text: [1 Corinthians 5:1-13 ESV](#)

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Introduction: I was thinking the other day about how distorted our world has viewed “love,” and I came up with this idea: “Love without commitment is a selfish transaction. Love with commitment is grace and a no matter what.” In our text this morning we are looking at different forms or expressions of love.

I. The Church _____ Is Discussed (v. 1).

A. By the _____

B. By the _____

II. Biblical _____ for the Judgment (vv. 2-8)

A. Remove the _____ member.

B. Turn the sinning member over to _____.

C. The “_____” of judging a fellow member

III. Biblical Judgment Is _____ (vv. 9-13).

A. Withdraw fellowship from Christians who are _____.

B. _____ are we to judge?

Conclusion: How important is Christ’s reputation? How important is the Church’s reputation? and ours?

The purpose of any Church discipline should be to help save and restore the person to Christ and His Church. Let’s always be good examples for Jesus, the Head of the Church.

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1 It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. 2 And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you.

3 For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. 4 When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, 5 you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.[a]

6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 7 Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 8 Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

9 I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— 10 not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. 11 But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. 12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church[b] whom you are to judge? 13 God judges[c] those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.”

Footnotes:

[a] 1 Corinthians 5:5 Some manuscripts add Jesus

[b] 1 Corinthians 5:12 Greek those inside

[c] 1 Corinthians 5:13 Or will judge