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# A LITTLE LEAVEN

*1 Corinthians 5:1-13*

## CHURCH MATTERS

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*A Series on 1 Corinthians*

# 1 CORINTHIANS 5:1-13 ESV

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.



# 1 CORINTHIANS 5:1-13 ESV

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.

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.



# 1 CORINTHIANS 5:1–13 ESV

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.



# 1 CORINTHIANS 5:1–13 ESV

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 whom you are to judge?

13 God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.”





## THE SITUATION vss 1-2

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- \* A person was having an immoral relationship with his father's wife (his step-mother).
- \* The situation was well known ("It is actually reported...")
- \* The church should have been "torn up about it" ("mourning") but sadly were not. Preoccupied with other spiritual pursuits, they let this go on.



# THE RESPONSE VSS 2B-5

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- ✧ Paul insisted they exercise church discipline with the hope that repentance and restoration to their fellowship would follow.



## THE REASON vss 6-8

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- \* Not dealing with this sin and compromising would eventually lead to more and more in the church...it would spread like yeast in bread.
- \* A person who claims to be a believer and continues in sin is not demonstrating the life changing power of the gospel. [2 Cor. 5:17]



# THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE CHRISTIAN TO THE WORLD

## VSS 9-13

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- \* We should not exercise church discipline with someone who does not claim to be a believer.
- \* We should not expect someone who is an unbeliever to act like one.
- \* We have been sent into the world to proclaim the gospel and live out the Christian life. [John 17:14-18]

# PRINCIPLES FROM THIS PASSAGE

1. God desires His church to be like Him: Holy.

[1 Peter 1:15-16; Ephesians 4:17-24]

2. Repeated, unrepentant sin among believers needs to be confronted with the goal of repentance and restoration.

[Galatians 6:1; Matthew 18]

3. We experience spiritual protection when we are engaged in the life of the church body

[Hebrews 3:13; 10:24-25]

4. God expects His people to be hanging out with people who are far from Him while also being wise about who is being influenced more.

[1 Corinthians 15:33; Proverbs 12:26 NLT]



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