

WHY CHURCH DISCIPLINE

1 Corinthians 5

I. THE _____ OF THE ERRING BELIEVER 5:1-5

- A. If we treat an openly sinful member as unregenerate, what about “once saved, _____ saved”?
- B. What they really mean is: “Any person who makes a _____ will certainly be saved in the end”
- C. But 1 Cor.5 teaches that a person can make a profession, join the church, then live like the _____
- D. When confronted about open sin, a genuine believer is always going to _____ and battle the sin

II. THE _____ OF THE LOCAL CHURCH 5:6-8

A. The Symbolism of _____

- 1) “A little leaven leavens the whole lump”—in Paul’s day, everyone was familiar with baking _____
- 2) Leaven is not _____ ; it was a piece of dough held out and used in the next batch of dough
- 3) Leaven is a symbol of _____ & its spread: 1 sinful individual has the same effect on a church
- 4) Paul alludes to the _____ of Unleavened Bread: Israelites cleaned all the leaven from their houses
 - a) This practice served a health purpose: cleaning out the _____ broke the chain of corruption
 - b) We maintain the health of the local church by cleaning out the leaven—disciplining open _____
- 5) Paul calls them “unleavened,” calling them to become in _____ what they already are positionally

B. The Symbolism of _____

- 1) If Israelites applied the blood of a lamb to the doorposts, the Death Angel did not kill the _____
- 2) In the NT, John, Paul & Peter teach that the Passover lamb is a _____ of Christ in His death
- 3) Paul uses this type to call us to be continually keeping the _____ by cleaning out the old leaven
 - a) We are to clean out the old leaven, the remnants of the old life before _____ —sin in general
 - b) Sincerity and truth revolve around the idea of _____ —we must not sweep sin under the rug
- 4) We dishonor Christ the Passover Lamb if we refuse to deal with sin, if we refuse church _____

III. THE _____ TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD 5:9-13

A. Two Warnings Regarding Our Relationship to the Outside World

- 1) _____ from the World Is Not God’s Will
Separation from sin and the world is practical holiness, but separation can end up being _____
- 2) _____ the World Is Not God’s Will
 - a) It is much easier for us as Christians to sit in judgment on those who are _____ the church
 - b) But we find it difficult to judge and discipline fellow church members who are our close _____

B. Two Results in Terms of Our Impact on the Outside World

- 1) Addresses a Common _____ the World Makes against the Church
Sometimes those outside the church know that church members are actually in sin and accuse us of being _____ ; the best way to deal with this excuse is to exercise church discipline
- 2) Causes Church Members to Build _____ for the Gospel
Jesus prayed that God would not remove us from the world, but send us into the _____