

Correction To Perfection
Dealing With Sin
1 Corinthians 5:1-13

I. The Recognition! *1 Corinthians 5:1a*

- A. Sexual immorality is any sexual activity outside of the marriage covenant between a man and woman. *Leviticus 20:10-16*
- B. The sin here is incest. *Verse 1b; Leviticus 18:7-8*
- C. If the church is going to deal with sin, we have to recognize sin as sin and we do that through the Scriptures.

II. The Response! *1 Corinthians 5:2*

- A. The wrong response. *Verse 2a*
 - 1. *They were not necessarily proud of the incest itself, but proud of their tolerance and acceptance of it.*
 - 2. *One reason we tolerate sin in the church is that we tolerate it in our own lives and we don't want to expose our own sin by exposing someone else's.*
- B. The right response. *Verses 2b-5*
 - 1. Mourn the sin. *Verse 2b*
 - 2. Judge the sinner. *Verse 3*
 - 3. Assemble the saints. *Verse 4*
 - a. *The 'name of the Lord Jesus' means by his authorization. His authority is the Word. *Matthew 18:15-20**
 - b. *'The power of the Lord Jesus...' means that Jesus will enable us to do what he has commanded us to do.*
 - 4. Expel and deliver to Satan. *Verses 2c, 5*
 - a. *The church is removing their protective cover from this person and returning him to the realm of Satan.*
 - b. *One of three things happen:*
 - * **They will repent and be restored to the church.**
 - * **They will not repent, and eventually their sin will cause their death.**
 - * **They don't repent, and don't die, and prove they never were saved.**

III. The Reason! *1 Corinthians 5:6-8*

A. The first reason that sin must be confronted and dealt with by the church is for the __purity__ of the church. *Verse 6*

B. The second reason sin must be confronted and dealt with by the church is for the sake of Christ's _____. *Verses 7-8*

1. If Christ, by his sacrifice, has delivered us from the world and sin, why would we want to go back and _____ in the world and the sin that we've been delivered from?

IV. The Realm! *1 Corinthians 5:9-13*

A. Immoral __unbelievers__ we can associate with; immoral __believers__ we cannot.

Three Challenges

* Let's become a person and a church that loves __each__ __other__ enough to confront sin in our lives.

* Let's become a person and a church that loves __Christ__ enough to be pure no matter the cost.

* Let's become a person and a church the loves the __Word__ enough to obey it without compromise.