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Judgement and Righteousness 1 Corinthians 5 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we are looking at the 5th chapter of 1 Corinthians. This passage has a few challenging aspects when it comes to us understanding the impact on our current lives. Paul starts off by calling out the church for not dealing with immorality within the church. He then equates it to a little leaven that will work throughout the bread. Join us this week as we navigate how we can keep ourselves from immorality and at the same time be approachable to people from the outside.

GET RID OF THE OLD LEAVEN, THAT
YOU MAY BE A NEW UNLEAVENED
BATCH, AS YOU REALLY ARE. FOR
CHRIST, OUR PASSOVER LAMB, HAS
BEEN SACRIFICED.
- 1 CORINTHIANS 5:7

Immorality Rebuked

5 It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has his father's wife. **2** You have become arrogant and have not mourned instead, so that the one who had done this deed would be removed from your midst.

3 For I, on my part, though absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged him who has so committed this, as though I were present. **4** In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and I with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus, **5** *I have decided* to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of *dough*? **7** Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are *in fact* unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed. **8** Therefore let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

9 I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people; **10** I *did* not at all *mean* with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters, for then you would have to go out of the world. **11** But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler—not even to eat with such a one. **12** For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within *the church*? **13** But those who are outside, God judges. REMOVE THE WICKED MAN FROM AMONG YOURSELVES.

o EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details from this passage.

Make 10 of your own observations from this passage. Avoid jumping to make interpretive decisions or drawing applications. Save those for the sections that follow. At this point just observe this passage and what it says. Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, and what stands out to you. Look at the verbs, what actions are in the text? Who is involved in the text? There is no right or wrong answer, just list 10 things you see in the text.

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2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

1. In verse 2, what is Paul saying should have been done?
2. Does Paul have authority to judge? Explain
3. In verse 5, how is the person saved if they are turned over to Satan for destruction of the flesh?
4. What does the leaven analogy mean?
5. How does the use of unleavened bread fit this situation?
6. How does Paul distinguish between immoral people in the church and immoral people outside the church?
7. What does Paul say about immorality within the church?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes