

## Lesson 6: "It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you..." 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

### "...there is sexual immorality among you..." [1 Cor 5:1-5]

1) How does Paul say he knows what he does about the Corinthians? [5:1; cp 1:11; 16:12, 15-18; however, consider also the rendering in Young's Literal Translation ("is actually heard of"), Darby Translation ("universally reported"), and Webster's Bible ("reported commonly")]

-- What is the shocking thing that Paul has learned about them, and just how bad is it? [5:1]

2) What has been the Corinthians' posture regarding this shocking and sinful situation? [5:2]

-- How does this fit with the context of what Paul has been talking about? [cp 4:8, 10, 18; etc]

-- What **two** things should the Corinthian brethren have done, but which their pride has kept them from doing? [5:2]

3) What does Paul say that he has done, even from afar? [5:3]

-- Since Paul is not **physically** there with the Corinthians, in what way does he say he has been able to "judge" this man? [5:3-4; cp 2:14-16]

4) Who gives Paul (and the Corinthians) the authority to judge this man? [5:4]

-- In practical terms, when should they make their judgment regarding this man? [5:4]

5) What does Paul tell them (as one who has already judged this man in Christ) their decision should be regarding this sinner? [5:5a] What does this mean?

-- What is the first thing that should happen as this man is "delivered" to Satan? [5:5b]

-- What is the desired final result of this action? [5:5c]

"...there are contentions among you" – 1 Corinthians 1:10 – 6:20

"Your glorying is not good" [1 Cor 5:6-8]

1) What does Paul say the Corinthians have been doing? [5:6; cp 1:12, 27-31; 3:18-23; 4:5, 18; 5:2]

-- While they have been busy arguing about men, what have they apparently forgotten? [5:6]

2) What is Paul's exhortation to them, then? [5:7a; cp Exodus 12:14-20]

-- From the context, what two things might Paul be describing as "leaven"? [5:7a; cp 5:2, 6]

-- What does Paul declare about them, in general terms, even as he corrects them? [5:7b]

-- What does Paul use as "proof" of this being their condition? [5:7c; cp Exodus 12:1-3, 6, 18]

3) Seeing as this is their (our!) condition in Christ, what should be their (our!) main concern? [5:8a]

-- As they purge out the "old leaven" of malice and wickedness, what is the new "unleavened bread" that should be a part of the "feast"? [5:8]

Do not "keep company" with sexually immoral brethren [1 Cor 5:9-13]

1) What does Paul say he had already written to them in a prior epistle? [5:9; cp 2 Thessalonians 3:14]

-- What does Paul say was *not* his point in that prior epistle? [5:10]

-- Besides the sexually immoral, who else had Paul warned them not to "keep company" with? [5:10]

-- Why would this exhortation be impractical in their daily life? [5:10c; cp John 17:15]

2) However, what does Paul say *was* his point in that prior exhortation? [5:11]

-- What does Paul say they should not do with brethren who continue in such sins, and to what extent? [5:11]

3) Who is responsible for judging "those who are outside" (and, therefore, who is not)? [5:12-13]

-- However, who is responsible for judging "those who are inside"? [5:12-13]

-- What is the judgment that they should have made? [5:13; cp 5:2; Deut 17:2-7; etc]

-- Effectively, what would be the result of such a judgment? [5:12-13; cp 5:5]