

1 Corinthians 5

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5 It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. (They were committing incest. Not even the heathen people did that) Leviticus-20:11

²And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. (They are so hard up for membership that they allowed anyone to be in their church)

(That is a sure sign that they were not teaching the Word of God, but rather, traditions of men. If you teach the Word of God, your church will be overflowing with membership)

³For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, (judged = discerned - better translation; Knowing good from evil is not judgment. It is just common sense)

⁴In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, (Follow God, not man)

⁵To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. (Let him sink to the bottom, and maybe he'll wake up and repent. Like the prodigal son did. Tough love is love) see 2Thessalonians-3:5

⁶Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? (Like leaven permeating through dough, false teaching will permeate the entire church; if you allow it in. Even just a little bit is bad)

Example: (Easter. Acts-12:4 is a mistranslation. The manuscripts say <Pascal>Passover, not <Ishtar>Easter. Yet Christians around the world today celebrate Easter instead of Passover)

(Paul is saying to get rid of any evil before it spreads to others)

⁷Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: (Get rid of the evil)

(Jesus Christ became our Passover at the crucifixion. That's why we take communion on Passover. It is symbolic for sharing a meal with God)

⁸Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. (Keep the feast of Passover; not Easter. Live by the Ten Commandments and be blessed by God)

NOTE: (This is a great example of how false teaching can spread through an entire church. Most Christians today celebrate Easter. They think that God will bless them for it. Easter is an insult to God)

⁹I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: (Don't socialize with evil. Don't follow them down to hell. Instead, be ready to teach them the right way to live, if they ask)

¹⁰Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. (They are everywhere in the world. Teach them the truth. If they ask)

(That's what Christians were sent here to do. God tells us to help other people when they ask. The best way to help them is to teach them what God says)

(Don't approve of their behavior or tolerate them as "normal" <i.e.- gays, trans, etc>. But, don't hate them either. Perversion is not a lifestyle. It is a sin against the flesh body)

¹¹But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolator, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. (Don't fellowship with them. Don't be an enabler of their sins. Tough love might help them to see the light)

¹²For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? (Don't judge them to hell. God is the judge)

(Instead, discern their evil as not being acceptable. Don't let them into your church until they change their ways and repent. Teach them that they can live a better life)

¹³But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person. (Their bad example will influence young people. Don't let it happen)