

1 Corinthians 5:1-8

¹ It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. ² And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you. ³ For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. ⁴ When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, ⁵ you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord. ⁶ Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? ⁷ Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸ Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Become More of Who We Already Are

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Paul calls Christ-treasurers to live like they have been changed, which includes confronting illicit sexual behavior and arrogant attitudes that compromise the integrity of who we are.

What's going wrong?

What's the right response?

Why does right living really matter?

Notes:

Life Group Discussion Questions

Based on 1 Corinthians 5:1-8

Getting Started

1. If you see an integrity issue/concern in the life of someone you know well, how do you typically respond (overlook it, accept it, rebuke it, ask a question about it, etc.)?
2. Why do you think confronting and confessing sins to one another in the church is so difficult?
3. Share an area of your life where Jesus is helping you overcome a hurt or destructive habit.

Digging into the Text

4. Read 1 Corinthians 5:1-8 and respond:
 - Summarize the main idea of this passage.
 - What are the major issues that Paul is addressing (vv. 1-2)?
 - What action is the church being encouraged to do in response, and what is the intended result of it (vv. 3-5)?
 - What are the consequences if the church fails to take the appropriate action (v. 6)?
 - Why is it so important to live with integrity as Christ-treasurers (vv. 7-8)?

Applying It to My Life

5. Assess your attitude to sin in your life and those close to you. Have you become too comfortable with or accommodating to it?
6. What is a step you can take to confront the issue so that you and others can experience more joy?
7. How can the group be praying for you as we all desire to get rid of the 'old' and embrace the 'new' abundant life where we're truly showing that we're free and forgiven?