

## When Sin Enters In, 1 Corinthians 5.1-13

This morning we are going to talk about a topic that many churches are afraid to touch. It is the topic of sin. What happens when sin enters in? Pride, gateway sin, leads to blindness of other sins, which leads to destroyed witness, which leads to death of the body. Not much has changed in the 2000 years since Paul wrote this.

Why isn't this something dealt with? People see church from Worldly wisdom. Afraid of offending the person in the wrong. Perhaps afraid of losing attendance, or they are just too wrapped up in what the world thinks. So how shall we deal with Sin? Read Text

### ***Mourn the Sin***

1. Mat 5.3, 4 – Jesus gives us the attitude of humility, that we are poor apart from God, that we mourn our state, not of hopelessness, but of repentance.
2. We need to check our attitudes with the sin of our congregation. There has been sexual sin. But more to the root, haven't we allowed our pride to divide? We look to our strength and wisdom, instead of God's?
3. Paul tells them, tells us, when we know of sin in the body, let us mourn to help the one struggling.

### ***Judge the Sin***

1. This is where we don't want to hurt feelings. But sometimes removing the splinter, a little pain is needed to bring true healing. Not salvation judging, for this is God's role, nor judging non-Christians, but to correct the believer.
2. This step is no different than Matt 18.15-20, where Jesus outlines church discipline. If he refuses to listen, then remove him from fellowship.
3. This removes him from the blessings of communing with the Father, from the encouragement of believers, and makes him fair game for Satan.

### ***Remove the Sin***

1. We need to learn from the church in Corinth, examine ourselves with the sin in our lives. Allowing little sins in leads to more problems, like a little bit of yeast.
2. Carol's making bread – little yeast had dough getting out of control faster than she anticipated.
3. Not removing from the World, but removing the world from us. 1 Peter 2.9 states we are a royal priesthood, a chosen people so we can declare His praises. Jesus tells us in Matthew 5.13ff that we are to be the light and salt of the earth so people will long for what we have.

Disciplining family is never easy. It is always necessary. And when we act in faith, according to the word, there is good news. The person may repent, and be restored. 2 letter, chapter 2, 5-11 is about the brother excommunicated but now restored, forgiven. Is this the same person? Traditional teachings say yes.

Now for us? It's time to clean house. Is there any sin you have not repented? Like a little yeast, it can spread and destroy. Give it to the Lord. Do you know Jesus? If not, then now is time to meet Him, make Him your Lord. If so, come forward as we sing.