

Good Morning
and
Welcome to Genesis the Church!



Let's Dismiss Our Kids to Their Kid's Quest Programs!



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Overview Of Our Journey

- I. (Chaps.1-4) The **Division** taking place in the Church at Corinth!
- II. (Chaps.5-6) The **Disorders** taking place in the Church!
 - A. (Chap.5) Focus: Moral / Outward Actions.
 - B. (Chap.6) Focus: Money / Inward Attitudes.

Overview Of Our Journey

III. (Chaps.7-14) The *Discussions* taking place in the Church!

IV. (Chap.15) The importance of *Doctrine* in the Church!

V. (Chap.16) The personal & practical *Decisions* of Paul!

This Morning's Journey

Paul's Condemnation of the Corinthian Church!

- I. (5:1-2) The **Problem** is Pointed Out!
- II. (5:3-5) The **Punishment** is Prescribed!
- III. (5:6-8) The **Plea** is for Purity!
- IV. (5:9-13) The **Principle** is Penned!

The Setting: The City of Corinth!

Located on the highest hill overlooking the city of Corinth sat the Roman temple of the goddess Aphrodite, where men from all around the world would come to be wined and dined and worship with its more than 1000 young and beautiful priestesses.



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At night the city streets were lined with older women, most of which had once served at the temple before reaching the age of dismissal. And knowing that lonely men were visiting from all over the world, they made themselves available. Like today's city of Las Vegas, Corinth was the "sin city" of Paul's day.

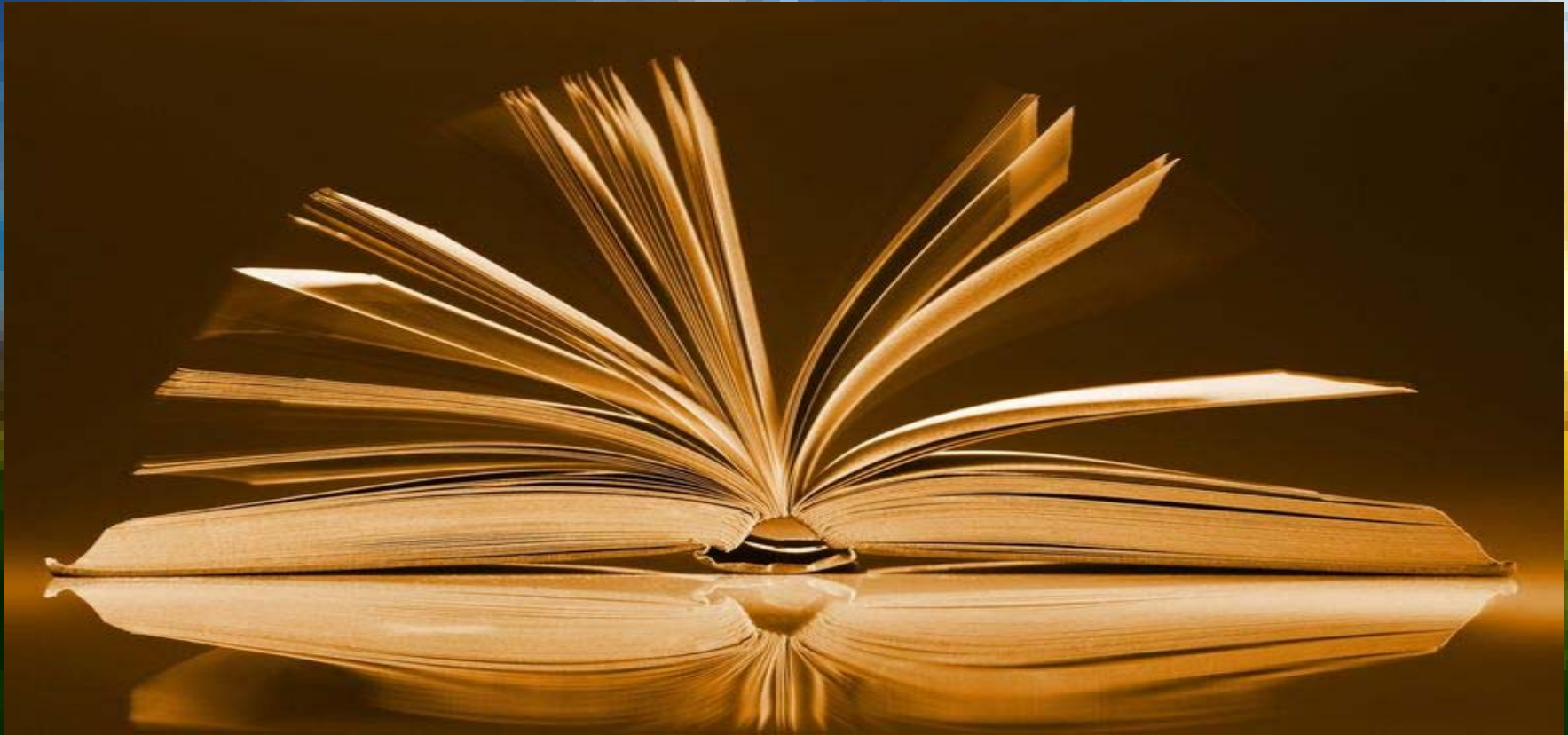


The Scene:

As a result of the everyday sexual advances in the city, those growing up in the city accepted sexual advances and opportunities to be the norm. The thinking was that such advances were to be looked upon with favor, encouraged, and acted upon.



The Scriptures:
I Corinthians 5:1-13!



Paul's Condemnation

I. (5:1-2) The **Problem** is Pointed Out!

As we begin our journey this morning we will discover that the sins taking place in the first century church are the same sins taking place in today's twenty-first century church! Beware!

In a November, 2015, Issue of Christianity Today

Dr. Willard F. Harley Jr.

**A licensed psychologist and author of the best-selling book
*His Needs, Her Needs: Building an Affair-Proof Marriage!***

**At least 60% of married couples will
experience infidelity at some point in
their marriage!**

Dr. Dave Carder

A licensed and well-respected marriage and family therapist and author of the book, *What Adulterers Want You to Know About Protecting Your Marriage!*

Points out that Millennial women, married seven years or less, are one of the fastest growing demographic groups committing adultery. The reason? They grew up never knowing their dads or experienced an unhealthy relationship with their father or stepfather.

Laura Gallier

An author of several children and teen books on sexuality

States that in Christian circles, where strict monogamy is publicly lauded (to praise or practice) or where private sexual ethics have become clouded, pornography has crept in. Today the average age for a child's first exposure to porn is age 11.

In a Resent Barna Study

- 1. 4 out of 10 Americans today believe that adultery is morally acceptable.**
- 2. 1 out of 10 today believe that adultery will continue to be on the rise. (must be accepted)**
- 3. Over a third of married men will have an affair or cheat on their wives.**
- 4. Nearly a quarter of married women will cheat on their husbands.**
- 5. 45% of Christians admit to having done something sexually inappropriate.**

The Wisdom of King Solomon

**That which has been is that which
will be. And that which has been
done is that which will be done.
There is nothing new under the sun!**

**Theme: Importance of Our Testimony
Christian Beware!**

Paul's Condemnation

I. (5:1-2) The Problem is Pointed Out!

A. (v.1a) Paul is SHOCKED by the sexual activity!

1. His shock is introduced by Contrast. (3:16-17)

2. His shock is built on his Conclusion. (3:18)

3. His shock will be remedied at his Coming.

(4:19)

I. (5:1-2) The **Problem** is Pointed Out!

B. (vs.1b-2) Paul is **SHAMED** by their
sinful actions!

1. (v.1b) While the **Unsaved** reject such sin,

a. **Immorality** (Grk. Porneia / Eng. Pornography)

b. **Does Not Exist** (Considered Unacceptable)
Even Among Gentiles (Sinful Corinthians)

2. (v.2) The **Saved** believed it to be the norm.

a. **Arrogant** (important view of self / context - unity)

b. **Not Mourned / Removed** (Not Separated / in or out)

II. (vs.3-5) The *Punishment* is Prescribed!

It is here that Paul makes it clear as to what he thinks should be done. Here he builds on his calling ...

1. (1:1) As an apostle
2. (1:10) As a brother
3. (2:1) As the church's founder
4. (3:1) As your teacher
5. (4:1) As Christ's steward
6. (4:15) As their spiritual father

II. (vs.3-5) The **Punishment** is Prescribed!

A. (vs.3-4) The **Sin** is to be judged & renounced.

1. Paul's Point:

Such sin is never considered acceptable.

2. Paul's Problem:

Sin was over looked for the sake of unity.

3. Paul's Principle:

Sin that is not confronted brings judgment.

II. (vs.3-5) The **Punishment** is Prescribed!

A. (vs.3-4) The **Sin** is to be judged & renounced.

B. (v.5) The **Sinner** is to be judged & renounced.

Here Paul makes it crystal clear that the unrepentant sinner is to be removed from the church's protection, care, encouragement, and fellowship (Jesus / Matthew 18:17).

Paul's Message is True Throughout The Scriptures!

(In the New Testament)

The churches are judged because of their sinful ways (Revelation 2 and 3):

1. (2:4) Ephesus: Left her first love.
2. (2:14) Pergamum: Not holding fast to the Word.
3. (2:20) Thyatira: Committing sexual immorality.
4. (3:3) Sardis: Not being sanctified in their service.
5. (3:15) Laodicea: Becoming luke-warm in their faith.

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(In the Old Testament)

To illustrate this truth, the apostle Paul used several Old Testament sources as a reminder of God's judgment in the past – Isaiah 29:14 (1:19); Jeremiah 9:23 (1:31); Job 5:13 (3:19); Psalm 94:11 (3:20).

Paul's Message is True Throughout The Scriptures!

(In the book of I Corinthians)

In I Corinthians 11:19, Paul will share with us why God allows sin and division to take place in His church:

“So that those who are not approved by God will be revealed before all!”

Paul's Condemnation

III. (5:6-8) The Plea is for Purity!

A. (vs.6-7) The Scriptures support my plea for purity.

In these verses Paul reminds his readers about the story of the Passover as recorded in Exodus 12:1-28.

III. (5:6-8) The Plea is for Purity!

A. (vs.6-7) The Scriptures support my plea for purity.

B. (v.8) This Sermon supports my plea for purity.

Here Paul concludes (therefore) that as we await Christ's coming, we should be removing sin from our lives.

Paul's Condemnation

IV. (5:9-13) The Principle is Penned!

As Paul closes his message his humility is again set before us. To give his readers the benefit of the doubt, Paul suggests that perhaps he was not clear in his previous sent letter. So he clarifies his message to his readers again.

IV. (5:7-13) The Principle is Penned!

A. (v.9) The letter's focus: Sanctification!

The believer is not to associate with immoral people!

B. (vs.10-13a) The letter's clarity: Separation!

*The believer is to separate himself
from unrepentant saints.*

C. (v.13b) The letter ends: Scolding!

Earlier Paul warned not to exceed what is written (4:6).
Now he warns not to forget what God has written. (Dt. 13:5)

Something To Think About!

Today's Church is to be Like a Hospital:

Like a hospital we care for the sick!

Like a hospital we diagnose the sickness!

Like a hospital we prescribe the cure!

Like a hospital we do not associate with the dead. Instead we bury them! And get back to the business of caring for the sick!