
A Culture Of Confusion: A Study In 1 Corinthians

"Family Matters"

1 Corinthians 5

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Introduction: We are working our way through 1 Corinthians where Paul is dealing with a troubled church.

1. He has spent chapters 1-4 focusing on the division that infected this church.
2. In chapter 5, he moves to the subject of blatant immorality, and how the church was responding.
3. It is an important text, but extremely difficult to apply.
4. We exist in the midst of a sin darkened world where we are called to shine as lights of the world.
5. How should we respond when our light is being diminished?
6. Corinth faced this problem but responded poorly, so Paul writes to them to correct them.
7. As we consider his teaching, we can learn how to deal with difficult family matters.

I. We Must Have The Correct Attitude Toward Sin

- A. Callous
- B. Careless
- C. Concerned

II. We Must Act Responsibly Toward Sin

- A. Corrective Confrontation

B. Church Discipline

C. What About The Unbelieving Community?

Conclusion: Do you see what I mean when I said this is a difficult text.

1. We Christians have a tendency to be outraged by the sin in the world but are much more tolerant when it comes to our brothers and sisters in Christ.
2. Paul had the exact opposite posture.
3. To the unbelieving community we are called to be fishers of men.
4. Within our spiritual family we are to help each other keep our commitments to God.
5. As we "bear one another's burden" we are fulfilling the law of Christ!