

1 Corinthians 5
"It's Time to be Holy"

"Holiness, as taught in the Scriptures, is not based upon knowledge on our part. Rather, it is based upon the resurrected Christ in-dwelling us and changing us into His likeness." A.W. Tozer

Introduction:

1 Corinthians 5:1-2, "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. And you are arrogant! Out you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you."

1. It doesn't take long for an evil report to begin to spread about believers:

2. Even among the vilest of sinners:

3. It is very likely that this person may have been a leader in the church because of the fact:

4. The church should never gloat over or approve of sin:

5. The church must understand its responsibility to exercise:

1 Corinthians 5:3-5, "For though absent in the body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, 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."

1. Paul was given supernatural insight into:

2. Paul's apostolic authority gave him:

3. Paul is judging the man's actions:

4. Because this person had made his sin so very public in the church:

5. Those that live in sin, when they profess relation to Christ:

6. Restoration must always be:

1 Corinthians 5:6-7, "Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 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."

1. It does not bring honor or glory to the Lord when:

2. Acceptance of sin will eventually:

3. When we refuse to accept sin:

4. When we refuse to accept sin:

1 Corinthians 5:8, "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."

1. Rather than celebrate acceptance of sin:

1 Corinthians 5:9-13, "I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? God judges those outside. 'Purge the evil person from among you.'"

1. It isn't the sinners of the world we are to avoid:

2. Paul lets the church at Corinth know that it isn't just this one particular person they are to avoid:

3. We must be very careful to not give the impression that:

4. We mustn't be surprised when sinners act like sinners:

5. Those who are outside the church come under the judgment of God:

6. It has always been God's plan to:

Conclusion: