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1 & 2 Corinthians

Week 5: 1 Corinthians 5

Main Issues Addressed In 1 Corinthians

#1 - Division in the church - Chapters 1-4

#2 - Immorality in the church - Chapter 5-7

1 Corinthians 5:1-2

- The sin itself (Leviticus 18)
- The toleration of the sin
- The need for removal of this type of sin

1 Corinthians 5:3-5

- Church discipline is to stop the spread
- Church discipline is for repentance
 - 1 Timothy 1:19-20 - By rejecting the truth, some have made a shipwreck of their faith, among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

- The attitude we have towards sin in our congregation matters
 - Exodus 12:15 - Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.
- Parallel treatment of the offender

1 Corinthians 5:9-10

- Paul has written them already not to associate with sexually immoral people - they misunderstood!
- We are to have grace for those apart from Christ, and standards for those who are brothers and sisters in Christ

1 Corinthians 5:11

- The clarification of the teaching: have nothing to do with sexually immoral people who are in Christ (who bear the name)
- As well as greedy, idolaters, God-haters, drunkards, and swindlers

1 Corinthians 5:12-13

- Judging sin is our duty for those who have been adopted by faith. For those outside of Christ, how can their flesh hear the spirit?
 - 1 Corinthians 2:14 - The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.
- Leave the judgment of the outside world to God. Preach the Good News.
- Within the church, purge the evil.

→ Accountability is difficult, spiritual work

→ We have a road map - Matthew 18:15-17

→ This is easier to do small, slow, and steady

→ You don't need an accountability partner...

...you need an accountability authority