

The Study of Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians

Lesson #5: "Members of Christ: The Body is Meant for The Lord"

1 Corinthians 5:1-6:20



Division 1: Paul chastises the Corinthians for failing to judge a brother.

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

Matthew 7:3-5

Matthew 18:15-20 (see page 2)

Division 2: Paul chastises the Corinthians for failing to judge disputes between brothers.

1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Principle #1: God's people commit egregious sin when they fail to Biblically execute judgment on persistent sin of those who claim to be Believers.

Principle #2: Our example as humble people who see our treasure is in Heaven is more important to God than our treasure on Earth.

Division 3: Paul addresses the reason the Corinthians were not judging sexual sin.

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Isaiah 48:17

Principle #3: Sexual intercourse outside marriage is uniquely sinful because it forces an immoral Union on the Holy Spirit, misuses our body which Jesus died to purchase, and dishonors the body God honors with the resurrection.

Additional notes:

Matthew 18:15-20 (NIV)
Dealing With Sin in the Church
15 “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. 16 But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ [Deut. 19:15] 17 If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.
18 “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.
19 “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”