

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Bad Company

1 Corinthians 5:9-12

How many unredeemed sinners are you friends with?

- *Who does God clearly tell us to **NOT** associate with?*

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Not necessarily sexually immoral, greedy, idolatrous, verbally abusive, drunkards or swindlers.

- *Just not those kinds of people who claim to be Christians*

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***1 Corinthians 5:9-10**, When I wrote to you before, I told you not to associate with people who indulge in sexual sin. But I wasn't talking about unbelievers who indulge in sexual sin, or are greedy, or cheat people, or worship idols. You would have to leave this world to avoid people like that.*

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***Romans 10:14 & 17**, But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them?... So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.*

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***Matthew 13:33**, Another parable He spoke to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid **in three measures of meal** till it was all leavened."*

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***1 Corinthians 5:11-13**, But now I am writing you not to associate with anyone **who claims to be a believer** who is sexually immoral or greedy, an*

idolater or verbally abusive, a drunkard or a swindler. Do not even eat with such a person. For what business is it of mine to judge outsiders? Don't you judge those who are inside? But God judges outsiders. **Put away the evil person from among yourselves.**

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The church is not a hiding place for sin

- *In Christ we are thankfully committed to each other to uphold His righteousness together*

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It was enough of a problem that he wanted to leave no doubt

- *Sadly, it's even more of a problem today*
- *Some "churches" are proud to defend, promote & protect some of those same sins*

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Proud of their sins - they are shameful to Christ

- *What does that leave the world around us to think about faith in Christ?*

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Paul's main concern is them separating from each other without justification

- ***Chapter 1:1-2 & 10-13***

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*Now he's confronting their unwillingness to **separate sin** from among them*

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He contrasts the worldly foolishness displacing godliness...

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He confronts sexual sin even shameful in the heathen culture of Corinth (5:1-8)

Now he addresses the different standards for worldly & godly relationships

We are planted by God in the world, but we're not worldly

Matthew 13:37-38, "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom."

I John 2:15-17, Do not love the world (with the heart, not the head) or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father (selfless benevolence) is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

The clear standard of righteousness in the church has been from the beginning, **Acts 5:1-11**

- God doesn't traffic in dishonesty...
- Deceitfully posturing to be well thought of

John 17:15-16, "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world."

What's the issue in question?

- Do we embrace the moral standards of Christ together?

Christ gave us His method & purpose of confronting sin in the Church

Matthew 18:15-20, God's **ONLY** purpose is restoration

Why does he write, "Put away the evil person from among yourselves."?

- So living outside of God's loving fellowship will draw them to be restored
- **Matthew 5:9**

Vs. 11 (5-7a) How would we treat a disease spreading death in our own body?

- Should Christ's body be treated with any less concern?

This is not harsh punishment

- It is living Christ's loving health together...
- Instead of ignoring sin & death

There's only one type of sin accepted in Christ's body – the church

- Confessed & repented sin

I John 1:9, If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

What is the good news of the gospel?

Romans 5:8, But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

I John 4:10, This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

In our confused & deceived, dying world...

- Christ builds His church in freedom from the death of sin
- And gives us to each other to demonstrate the safe home He makes for us