

# Protecting the Purity of the Church

1 CORINTHIANS 5





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- ▶ THEME: The moral purity of the church matters to God, and every church member has the responsibility to pursue it.



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## An Appalling Report (1-2)

- ▶ There is gross immorality in the church at Corinth (1a-b)
- ▶ The specific sin (1c)
- ▶ The church's inappropriate response (2a)
- ▶ The appropriate biblical response (2b)



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The Apostle Paul's Response (3-5)

- ▶ The verdict is “guilty” (3)
- ▶ The biblical administration of justice (4; Matt.18:15-20)
- ▶ The sentence: excommunication (5)



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Paul's Admonition to the Church (6-8)

- ▶ The insidious nature of sin (6)
- ▶ Deal with sin in the church (7-8)



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The Biblical Perspective in Judgment (9-13)

- ▶ Correcting a wrong perspective (9-10)
- ▶ The necessity of separating from unrepentant believers (11)
- ▶ Two rhetorical questions (12-13)



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## Implications & Applications

1. The purity of the church matters to God!

*"For Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless."*

Ephesians 5:25-27



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*"All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."*

2 Timothy 3:16-17



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*"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age."*

Titus 2:11-12



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4. We are each called to confront patterns of sin when they become evident in the lives of our fellow church members, but always with gentleness, motivated by love



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*“Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.”*

Galatians 6:1