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6 Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough? 7 Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast — as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 8 Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth.

9 I have written you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— 10 not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. 11 But now I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat.

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What is the *unbelievable* issue reported about the church at Corinth? 5:1; **Eph.5:1-13**

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How had the church *misinterpreted* Paul's previous letter? 5:9-10; **Jn.17:13-19**

What's Paul's response to that? 5:10b-11; **Phil.2:14-16**; Mt.18:17; **Rom.16:17-19**

And how does he punctuate this point? 5:12-13a; 6:1-5; IIPet.2:9

And his closing *emphatic* command...? **5:13b**; 5:2, 4-5, 11; Mt.18:17

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What is the *unbelievable* issue reported about the church at Corinth? 5:1; **Eph.5:1-13**

A man in the church was having relations with his step-mother. Unacceptable to pagans!

But what does Paul consider an *even greater issue*? 5:2; 1:12; 3:3, 21; 4:6-7, 18; Ezek.9:3-11

The church was proud of it! They should have been grieved and acted in discipline.

And what is Paul's immediate judgment? 5:3-5; **Mt.18:15-20**; IIThess.3:14-15; Gal.6:1-2

He orders the church to excommunicate the man. Deliver to Satan to destroy flesh, i.e. die.

What is key about 'the sinful nature may be destroyed and...'? **Job 1:6-12, 2:1-6**

As w/Job, Satan is restrained (hedged) w/believers. But the Lord may lower the hedge...

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1) Church discipline. Purity in/of the church! 2) Discipline on man to produce repentance!

What is the object lesson Paul uses to illustrate purity in the church? 5:6-8; **Gal.5:7-10**

Use new bread (sincerity/truth) w/o yeast, no old yeast (malice/wickedness). Yeast spreads!

Purity in the church...5:9-13

How had the church *misinterpreted* Paul's previous letter? 5:9-10; **Jn.17:13-19**

He told them to not associate w/sexually immoral people. They thought it was unbelievers.

What's Paul's response to that? 5:10b-11; **Phil.2:14-16**; Mt.18:17; **Rom.16:17-19**

Not unbelievers! Don't associate w/professed sinning believers! Don't even eat with them!

And how does he punctuate this point? 5:12-13a; 6:1-5; IIPet.2:9

It's not my business (or yours) to judge unbelievers (without)! But, inside the church, YES!

And his closing *emphatic* command...? **5:13b; 5:2, 4-5, 11**; Mt.18:17

Expel the wicked man from among you. Demanded by Paul and Jesus (5:4-5). Do it!