

If the church is to be a light we cannot forget what church actually is - 1 Cor 12:12-27

and what being a light may cost - if we fail to act on the Word when it costs us something we lose our witness to a dying world

main idea: a church that does not practice corporate discipline is not a church at all

And you are arrogant?

1Cor. 5:1 ¶ It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife.

1Cor. 5:2a And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn?

arrogant and flippant with what is holy - Lev 10:1; 2 Sam 6:1-11; Acts 5:1-11

Removed from among you

1 Cor. 5:2b Let him who has done this be removed from **among you**.

1Cor. 5:3 ¶ For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing.

1Cor. 5:4 When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus,

1Cor. 5:5 you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

saved in the end - 2 Cor 7:8-11 - through repentance

Repentance/confession - 1 Jn 1:5-10 -> abide Jn 15:1-9

repentance not sinless perfection - 1 Tim 1:12-17

rejecting repentance = public discipline - 1 Tim 1:18-20

discipline is for believers - Hebrews 12:3-11-

The whole lump

1Cor. 5:6 ¶ Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens **the whole lump**?

1Cor. 5:7 Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

1Cor. 5:8 Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

-matt 18:1-14 - so as to not let believers stumble in the faith

-matt 18:15-20 - practice discipline publicly

-matt 18:21-22 - for the sake of repentance

Not to associate

1Cor. 5:9 ¶ I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—

1Cor. 5:10 not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.

1Cor. 5:11 But now I am writing to you **not to associate** with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler— not even to eat with such a one.

1Cor. 5:12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge?

1Cor. 5:13 God judges those outside. "Purge the evil person from among you."

This is a real church, marked by real repentance - 1 Peter 2:9-12

and you are invited to be a part of it - Acts 5:13-14

here are some articles to read and discuss:

http://www.the-highway.com/discipline_Mohler.html

<http://www.christianresearchservice.com/the-doctrine-of-church-discipline-part-1/>

<http://www.gty.org/blog/B140904/gods-work-in-church-discipline>