

Saving The Spirit

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

Introduction

- **Learning a hard lesson**
 - **Joshua 6:16-7:26**, Achan disobeys God's standard
- **God knows if His standard is being met**
 - **Hebrews 4:13**, "...all things *are* naked and opened unto the eyes of him (GOD) with whom we have to do."
- **Self Examination: Meeting the God's Standard**
 - **2 Corinthians 13:5**, Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you..."
 - (Church & Individual)

Examining The Text

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

- Sinful spirit prevailed in the church at Corinth
 - Member having sexual relations w/ his father's wife
 - Church had become proud, puffed up
 - No urgency to deal with sin in the church
 - Not saddened over a "LOST" soul
 - 1 Corinthians 5:2, "...ye are puffed up and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you."
- The Church at Corinth no longer "...loved righteousness and hated iniquity...", Hebrews 1:9

Sin Stood in The Way of Obedience

- **The sin at Corinth was “common to all!”**
 - Not even the Gentiles would commit such a sin (vs. 1)
 - It had to be stopped immediately
- **Paul told the church to remove the “Sinner”**
 - Vs. 2, “...be taken away from among you...”
 - Vs. 5, “...deliver such an one unto Satan...”
 - Vs. 9, “...do not keep company with...”
 - Vs. 11, “...not to keep company...”
 - Vs. 13, “...put away from among yourselves...”

Common Thread To Scripture

Other teachings of Paul

- **2 Thessalonians 3:14**, “...if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with...”
- **Romans 16:17**, “...mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them...”
- **1 Timothy 6:3-5**, “If any man ... consent not to ...doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.”

Why Is Discipline Necessary?

- To cause the erring to repent
 - **1 Corinthians 5:5**, “that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.”
 - **2 Thessalonians 3:14**, “that he may be ashamed.”
 - **Jude 22-23**, “have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh”
- To cause all members to examine themselves
 - **Acts 5:1-11**, Consider Ananias & Sapphiara,
 - **1 Timothy 5:20**, Paul told Timothy “**Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.**”

Why Is Discipline Necessary?

- To protect the church
 - **1 Corinthians 5:6-7**, “Your glorying *is* not good. Know ye not that little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened.”
- To show obedience to Christ (Paul’s 2nd letter)
 - **2 Corinthians 2:9**, “... also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things.”
 - **2 Corinthians, 7:12**, “...though I wrote unto you, *I did it* not for his cause that had done the wrong, nor for his cause that suffered wrong, but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear unto you.”

Who is subject to discipline?

- **Members that continue to “walk disorderly”**
 - **2 Thessalonians 3:6**, “Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.”
- **Members who practice works of the flesh**
 - **1 Corinthians 5:11**, “...now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner...”

Who is subject to discipline?

- **Members who refuse to heed God's Word**
 - **2 Thessalonians 3:14-15**, “...if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.”
 - **Hebrews 10:24-26**, “...let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins...”

The Process

- **First, teach, exhort, and warn those in error**
 - Face to Face, Phone calls, Email, Letters
 - Restore lost souls in spirit & meekness, **Galatians 6:1**
- **Then, if all fails, take it before the church**
 - **Matthew 18:15-16**, One trespasses against another
 - Jesus said meet one-on-one
 - If that fails, take someone else with you
 - If that fails, **“tell it unto the church”**
 - **1 Corinthians 5:4**, Notice who Paul is addressing,
 - **“In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ...”**
 - Not just preacher, elders, men, but the whole church

After Discipline, Then What?

- **1 Corinthians 5:5**, “...deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved...”
- **Matthew 18:17**, “...if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.”
- **Romans 16:17**, “...mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye an that is called a brother ...with such an one no not to eat.”
- **2 Thessalonians 3:14-15**, “...if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.” Yet count *him* not as an enemy, but admonish *him* as a brother.”

In Conclusion

- Jesus said not to judge others w/o first judging self
 - **Matthew 7:1-5**, Cast beam out of own eye first
- Paul said the man in Corinth was already judged
 - **1 Corinthians 5: 3**, “For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, *concerning* him that hath so done this deed...”
 - Paul was inspired by the Holy Spirit!
 - Must follow all that is commanded!
- God’s commands not always easy but not grievous
 - **1 John 5:3**, “...this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous...”

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