

3. Assume the following: a church member is caught up in open sin. The church leadership followed the steps in Matthew 18:15-17 [see sermon notes], yet the person didn't turn from their sin. Does this following abridged letter seem too harsh?

Dear-, Because you are living in blatant sin, even after we have pleaded and warned you, tells us you've never left Satan's world. You have an unhealthy avoidance of facing the consequences of your sin. Further, the way you are living contradicts your confession of faith in Jesus Christ. So we are releasing you from the spiritual protection of our church. We do not believe it is in your best interests to treat you as if you were a Christian. Our door is always open for your return.

- How is its purpose redemptive?

4. Read 1 Cor. 5:10. Why are we called into relationship with those people?

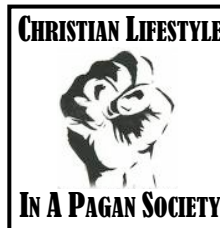
- Does Phil. 2:15 give you further insight how you are to be?

TAKING IT HOME

In matters of your own Christian growth, which of these three areas do you fall into?

- *Excessively Judgmental?*
- *Too Permissive?*
- *Increasingly Jaded?*

Do you have a plan to correct that? Why not?



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Dealing With Immorality

WHY SIN AMONG US IS VERY SERIOUS

Because an individual's **soul** is at stake. (1-5)

- (a) *If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over.*
- (b) *But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that "every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses."*
- (c) *If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church;*
- (d) *and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.*

- Matthew 18:15-17

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.

- Luke 19:10

- *Jesus revealed the goal of the spiritual discipline*

= To **win your brother**

Because the health of the **church** is at stake. (6-8)

“Yeast” should be translated as “Leaven”

Leaven = _____

What is the Passover? (7)

Because the lives of the **lost** are at stake. (9-13)

*We are not to judge the world.
But, we are to judge the **church** !*

WISDOM CHALLENGE

*Read a Proverb each day in February.
[Feb 1 = Prov. 1; Feb. 2 = Prov. 2; etc...]*

*As you read, watch for God's teachings on
wisdom vs. foolishness (folly)*

Community Group Homework

For the week of February 14, 2010

1st Corinthians has tremendous value because it gives us strong principles and guidelines we can measure our lives by, and deal with many of the difficulties you are currently facing.

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back over your sermon notes, was there any particular point or passage of Scripture that most challenged, confused or caught your attention?

- *Share it with your group.*

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- Do you think culture is getting more permissive or do you think it has simply become more jaded?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read 1 Cor. 5:2, 5, 7, 11, 13.

- *How are these verses analogous with Matthew 18:17?*

- *What does it mean to treat a believer as if they were an unbeliever?*

2. Reread 1 Cor. 5:13. "Wicked" means, "active harmfulness."

- *What thoughts does this stir in your mind as it relates to a Christian involved in open sin?*