



**1 Corinthians 5:1-5**

**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. **2** And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you.

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

*Why do you think this church would be arrogant in regards to the sexual sin that is being committed in their midst?*

*Why do you think Paul instructs them to remove this man, who has been sinning in this way, from the body?*

*In casting this man out of the body, what is Paul's hope? (v. 5)*

**1 Corinthians 5:6-8**

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

*What does leaven do to a lump of dough?*

*Do we think that our sins are unrelated to other parts of our life and the lives of others? Based on this passage, what is Paul saying about the effects of sin in the life of the church?*

*Paul encourages the church to see themselves as a remade people who really are "unleavened." What has occurred to remake us in this way?*

**Read Exodus 12:1-13** to learn more about the Passover and the way the lamb was the sacrifice.

### **Exodus 12:1-13**

**1** The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, **2** "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. **3** Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. **4** And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. **5** Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, **6** and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. **7** "Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. **8** They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. **9** Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. **10** And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. **11** In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. **12** For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. **13** The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

*Christ is called here the Passover Lamb. How is Christ like the sacrificial lambs of the Old Testament?*

*If we really are made new because of the sacrificial death of Christ, how should we come together in worship?*

### **1 Corinthians 5:9-13**

**9** I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— **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. **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. **12** For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? **13** God judges those outside. "Purge the evil person from among you."

*In terms of the company we keep, should we be more discerning inside or outside the church?*

*Why would Paul want the church to associate with the immoral of the world?*

*How can you apply these Scriptures to your life?*