



PREACHING THE CROSS  
God's Remedy for a Troubled Church

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LAKE ORION

*The Church: Another Instrument of God for Our Sanctification*

*Be What You Already Are: Unleavened, Part 2*

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**TEXT:** 1 Cor. 5:1-13

*The Sovereign God uses the Church in the process of progressive sanctification to help us be what we already are in Christ.*

## **I. THE FAILURE TO ADDRESS THE FORNICATION IN THE CHURCH: THE TWO-FOLD SIN, 5:1-2.**

### **A. The Sin of the Man: Incest, 5:1.**

- 1. This sin was so significant that it was reported to Paul probably by a member of Chloe's household, cf. 1 Cor 1:11.**
- 2. This sin was an ongoing relationship that was prohibited in the Old Testament, cf, Lev. 18:7-8.**

### **B. The Sin of the Congregation: Tolerance, 5:2.**

- 1. The Corinthians applied a perverted theology of grace that resulted in the condoning of sinful behavior.**
  - a. The Corinthians "spiritual insight" resulted in a false view of grace.
  - b. For some in Corinth, the grace which brought them to salvation— *with no individual effort of their own*— was extended to post-salvation *so that no individual effort is needed*.
- 2. The Corinthians should have been broken about this man's sin instead of tolerating his publically known sin.**

## **II. THE ADMONITION TO CORRECT THE FORNICATION IN THE CHURCH: THE TWO-FOLD COMMAND, 5:3-8.**

**A. The Command to Remove the Incestuous Man from the Fellowship, 5:3-5.**

**B. The Command to Purge the Fellowship from Sin, 5:6-8.**

**C. The Clarification to a Previous Command, 5:9-13.**

**1. The Corinthians misinterpreted a previous command, 5:9-10.**

**2. Paul gives the Corinthians the clarification of the command, 5:11.**

**3. Paul gives the application of the command, 5:12-13.**

a. God judges those outside the church membership.

b. The church judges those inside its membership.

POINT: The Corinthians were *to remove the wicked man from among them!*

## **III. APPLICATION: When dealing with the known sin of others:**

**A. Ask the Lord Jesus to Break Your Heart over Sin and Give You the Boldness to Confront It.**

**1. Brokenness over the sin of others drives us to pray *to God*.**

**2. Boldness to confront the sin of others drives us *to speak for God*.**

**B. Emphasize the Grace of God That Not Only Provided a Pardon for Sin, but Also Gives Empowerment Against Sin.**

*“Those who do not embrace the power of the cross to fight their sin will not have the pardon of the cross to forgive their sin. The proof of your pardon is your passion for purity.” – John Piper*