

➤ **The Confrontation of Sin**

1 Corinthians 5:1-2

1 It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that even pagans do not tolerate: A man is sleeping with his father's wife. 2 And you are proud! Shouldn't you rather have gone into mourning and have put out of your fellowship the man who has been doing this?

sexual immorality = *porneia* = fornication

pagans = those outside the family of Jesus, non-believers, local Corinthians

"The awareness of sin used to be our shadow. Christians hated sin, feared it, fled from it, grieved over it. Some of our grandparents agonized over their sins. A man who lost his temper might wonder whether he could still go to Holy Communion. A woman who for years envied her more attractive and intelligent sister might worry that this sin threatened her very salvation... In today's group confessionals it is harder to tell...Where sin is concerned, people just mumble now." – Cornelius Plantinga

1 Corinthians 5:6-7

6 Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? 7 Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

➤ **The Consequences for the Person**

1 Corinthians 5:4-5

4 So when you are assembled and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present, 5 hand this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 5:9-11

9 I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— 10 not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. 11 But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people.

"...we can imagine the howls of anger at such a suggestion in today's church (Unloving! Intolerant! Judgmental!). Paul might well have answered: is the doctor unloving or judgmental when he or she tells you that you must have the operation right away? Do we want a doctor who tolerates viruses, bacteria, cancer cells?" – N.T. Wright

➤ **The Hope for Redemption and Renewal**

Hebrews 12:11

No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.



1 Corinthians 6:9-10

9...Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders 10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:11

And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

"God loves you unconditionally, as you are not as you should be, because nobody is as they should be." – Brennan Manning

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to romp in fields of love and marriage and divorce.
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mourning most of their lives,
yet they hang on to *shall be comforted*.
It is for those who've dreamed of entertaining angels
but found instead a few friends of great price.
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who've come to their senses
again, and again, and again, and again.
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the block enough times that we dare to whisper
The ragamuffin's rumor—
All is grace."

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