

## Expel the Immoral Brother! - 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

**Topics:** Church, Discipline, Greed, Idolatry, Immorality, Judgment, Pride, Sacrifice, Salvation, Sin

### Open It

- \* 1. For what kinds of things were you disciplined as a child?
- 2. When was a time you had to stop associating with a friend because of his or her bad influence on you?

### Explore It

- \* 3. Why did the Corinthians tolerate immorality in their church? (5:2)
- 4. What disciplinary action should the Corinthians have taken? (5:2)
- 5. Under what conditions was the Corinthian church to expel their immoral member? Why? (5:4-5)
- \* 6. Why was it necessary for the Corinthian church to expel a man from their congregation? (5:5-6)
- 7. To what boasting did Paul refer? (5:6)
- 8. What should Christians be like? How? (5:7)
- 9. Why was it necessary to expel an immoral Christian from his or her church? (5:7-13)
- 10. To what festival did Paul refer? Why? (5:7-8)
- 11. How should we “keep the Festival”? (5:8)
- 12. What kind of distinction do we need to make in dealing with immoral people? (5:9-13)
- 13. For what reasons were the Corinthians to expel a professing Christian? (5:11)
- \* 14. Why is it unnecessary for Christians to judge non-Christians? (5:12-13)

### Get It

- 15. At what point would you stop associating with a person who continued to do wrong?
- 16. From what harm could a church protect itself by expelling an immoral member?
- 17. What are the pain and problems created by sexual immorality?
- \* 18. How should any church react to gross sin practiced by a stubborn member?
- 19. What is difficult and complicated about disciplining a sinning Christian?
- 20. To what extent should people cleanse their lives of sin before joining a church? Why?
- 21. What does it mean to “hand someone over to Satan”?
- 22. How should we treat Christians who are greedy, slanderers, or swindlers?
- \* 23. What warnings should careless Christians take to heart?
- 24. How can we expel immoral Christians from our churches and at the same time have Jesus’ love for sinners?

### Apply It

- 25. What should you do the next time you learn of a Christian friend who is unwilling to turn away from a particular sin?
- \* 26. What habits can you cultivate to prevent yourself from becoming callous to the sins of other people?