

## Questions

1. Read 1 Corinthians 4:18–5:2. What word did Paul use three times to describe the sinful attitude of the Corinthian believers? In what ways were they displaying that attitude, and are there ways in which you are tempted toward that attitude in how you deal with God or with other people?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 5:9-13. How do these verses help you think about dealing with sinful unbelievers? How can the promise of God's judgment help you to deal with them better?
3. The incest of the man in 1 Corinthians 5 was egregious (considering that even unbelievers saw it as wrong), but what was the chief reason why the matter was being addressed in this letter?
4. How do we see the goal of restoration in 1 Corinthians 5:5? What does it mean to hand him over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh?
5. In what way does 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 use yeast (leaven)? How is this passage a warning of our propensity to be drawn into sin?
6. Based on 1 Corinthians 5:9-13, how are believers to react when a professing believer carries on in unrepentant sin, even after warnings from other believers?
7. Finish this sentence: If I choose to persist in sin, I hope my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ will...
8. Meditate on Jesus Christ as the sinless Passover lamb given in your place. How does that help you think clearly about your own sin and your need to repent of it?

*Need prayer? Someone will be up front by the piano to pray with you after the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> services.*

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# 1 Corinthians

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### A New Batch of Dough

**1 Corinthians 5:1-13**

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Our study of First Corinthians resumes as Paul confronts the church in Corinth for approving of a member who was persisting in blatant and unrepentant sin. In 1 Corinthians 5 we see the goal, the purpose, and the method of God's commanded response to the unrepentant sinner.

The arrogance of the Corinthian believers (4:18 – 5:2).

A previous letter that was misunderstood or misrepresented (5:9)

The problem addressed in 1 Corinthians 5:

A man who was actively associating as a member of the local church (as a professing believer in Jesus Christ) was carrying on in blatant sin and not repenting. And the church was continuing to embrace him as a fellow member. They acted as if his ongoing sin was OK.

**Goal – Restoration (5:4-5)**

**Method – Refusal (5:9-13)**

**Purpose – Restraint & Reflection (5:6-8)**