

1 Corinthians

Wisdom & Unity

Meeting the demands of
Christian life and living



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Starting where
you are:

Any questions?

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1 Corinthians 5 – Watch Your Witness

1 Corinthians was written, in part, to address reports of sinful conduct among believers. Building on the various calls for unity in chapters 1-4, this chapter addresses a specific issue of sexual immorality that has stained the fellowship. Paul also addresses immorality as a general matter around which disunity may negatively impact the fellowship.

While the reported scandal provides focus for Chapter 5, the church's internal and external witness are also important to note.

Chapter Outline

- A response to scandal (5:1-8)
- Get your house in order (5:9-13)

1 Corinthians 5 – What is Sexual Immorality?

- The definition and specific act
 - **defined:** *porneia* – fornication; whoredom; “a selling off;” illicit sexual intercourse
 - the word pornography derives from this term
 - **the act:** a man has had sex with his father’s wife
- The impact
 - disobeys God’s command (Lev 18 [cf. 18:6-7])
 - defiles the “temple of God” (see 3:16-17)
 - displays spiritual immaturity
 - depicts the believers’ arrogance and pride

1 Corinthians 5 – What is Sexual Immorality? *(cont'd.)*

- The implications (5:5-8)
 - Personal: Destruction and Salvation (v. 5)
 - Ecclesiological: Tainted fellowship (v. 6-8)
- The responses
 - deliver that one to Satan
 - do not glory in sin
 - dedicate yourselves

Fellowship among believers requires accountability between believers.

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1 Corinthians 5:9-13 – Get Your House in Order

- Revisiting an old issue (9-10)
 - A reminder about associating with believers who practice *porneia*
 - A warning to do away with sinful practices
- Redress for an ongoing issue (11-13)
 - Responsibility for treating internal infection
 - Responsibility for internal judgment
 - Responsibility for internal consecration

We are responsible for the church's image among believers.

We are responsible for the church's image in the world.

Any Questions?

