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KEY QUESTION: *How does removal from fellowship take place?*

➤ The _____ (Galatians 6:1).

Galatians 6:1: “Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.”

➤ The _____ (Matt. 18:15-20).

Matthew 18:15-20: “If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. ¹⁶ But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector. ¹⁸ “I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ¹⁹ “Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”

➤ The _____ (5:3-5).

1 Corinthians 5:3-5: “Even though I am not physically present, I am with you in spirit. And I have already passed judgment on the one who did this, just as if I were present. ⁴ When you are assembled in the name of our Lord Jesus and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present, ⁵ hand this man over to Satan, so that the sinful nature may be destroyed and his spirit saved on the day of the Lord.”

➤ The _____ (5:4-8).

PURPOSE #1: _____ (5:4-5).

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Galatians 6:1: “Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently.”

PURPOSE #2: _____ (5:6-8).

1 Corinthians 5:6-8: “Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough? ⁷ Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸ Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth.”

4. The _____ of Fellowship (5:9-13).

1 Corinthians 5:9-13: “I have written 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 you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat. ¹² “What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? ¹³ God will judge those outside. “Expel the wicked man from among you.”

5. The _____ of the Repentant (2 Cor.2:5-11; 7:7-10).

Galatians 6:1: “Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently.”

James 5:19-20: “My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, ²⁰ remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins.”

2 Corinthians 7:8-11: “Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. Though I did regret it—I see that my letter hurt you, but only for a little while—⁹ yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. ¹⁰ Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. ¹¹ See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done.”

2 Corinthians 2:5-11: “If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you, to some extent—not to put it too severely. ⁶ The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient for him. ⁷ Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. ⁸ I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm

your love for him. ⁹ The reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything. ¹⁰ If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, ¹¹ in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.”

FINAL THOUGHTS

The practice of restorative church discipline is a necessary component of a spiritually healthy church family.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What should you do if you have first hand knowledge of another Christian living in sin? *Multiple choice – pick one or more answers.*

- Ignore it.
- Tell the pastor about it.
- Tell others about it so they can pray.
- Use it to blackmail them.
- Both B & C.
- None of the above.

2. What does Jesus want us to do if we have first hand knowledge of another Christian living in sin (Matthew 18:15-20)? How would you answer question #1 now?

3. What does Jesus say is the ‘process’ we should follow in confronting a Christian who is living in sin (Matthew 18:15-20)? What do we do if he/she does not listen? What do we do if he/she does listen? Why do you think Jesus had so many steps in the process?

4. What is *the goal* of confronting a Christian who is living in sin (James 5:19-20; Galatians 6:1; Matthew 18:15-20)?

5. What is *the manner* in which we should confront a Christian who is living in sin (Galatians 6:1)?

6. A Christian who has been living a life of sin needs to ‘repent’ of their sin, but how do you know if someone has repented (Luke 3:7-14; John 5:14; 8:11; 2 Corinthians 7:7-10)?

7. Why must an unrepentant person who claims to know Jesus be put out of the church according to 1 Corinthians 5:6-8?

8. In addition to ‘sexual immorality’ (5:1), what are some other sins that if they are practiced could cause a person to be put out of the church (1 Corinthians 5:11; Romans 16:17-19; 2 Thessalonians 3:6)?

9. Why is accountability and mentoring/discipleship so important in our lives in light of 1 Corinthians 5:1-13?

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INTRODUCTION:

1. The _____ of Sin (5:1).

1 Corinthians 5:1: “*It is actually reported* that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that does not occur even among pagans: A man has his father’s wife.”

Leviticus 18:8: “Do not have sexual relations with your father’s wife; that would dishonor your father.”

Deuteronomy 22:30: “A man is not to marry his father’s wife; he must not dishonor his father’s bed.”

2. The _____ of the Church (5:1-2).

1 Corinthians 5:1-2: “It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that does not occur even among pagans: A man has his father’s wife. ² *And you are proud! Shouldn’t you rather have been filled with grief and have put out of your fellowship the man who did this?*”

KEY QUESTION: *How should the Church respond to sin in the church family?*

THE WRONG RESPONSE(S):

THE RIGHT RESPONSE:

3. The _____ of the Unrepentant (5:2-8).

1 Corinthians 5:2-8: “...A man has his father’s wife. ² And you are proud! *Shouldn’t you rather have been filled with grief and have put out of your fellowship the man who did this?* ³ Even though I am not physically present, I am with you in spirit. And I have already passed judgment on the one who did this, just as if I were present. ⁴ When you are assembled in the name of our Lord Jesus and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present hand this man over to Satan, so that the sinful nature may be destroyed and his spirit saved on the day of the Lord. ⁶ Your boasting is not