Study 7: Chapter 5 • Sexual immorality in the Church



Discussion Questions

- What exactly is the Apostle Paul confronting in chapter 5?
- In verse 2 the Apostle charged the believers in Corinth with being “arrogant” about the sexual immorality that was happening within the church. The Greek word literally means *puffed up* or *inflated*. Why do you think the believers responded that way?
- At the end of verse 2, what action did the Apostle tell the believers to take?
- In verses 4 and 5, what authority do we see the church being encouraged to exercise in the case of this sinful situation?
- What was the goal of the disciplinary action that the Apostle Paul recommended?
- The directions that are listed in this chapter seem pretty drastic. What steps do you think should be taken before such drastic actions are needed?
- What do you think is meant in verse 5 by the phrase, “the destruction of the flesh”? And how does 1 Peter 4:1 give us insight?
- What does the Apostle Paul use the symbol of leaven (yeast) when speaking to the Corinthians about sin?
- How is Jesus “our Passover lamb”? (v7)
- What had the Corinthians misunderstood about the Apostle Paul’s remarks concerning associating with sexually immoral people?
- How do the final verses of this chapter help to shape our response to sinful actions among unbelievers?