

F. Highlights of chapter 4

DISORDERS IN THE CHURCH (5:1-6:20)

1. Tolerance of Sin (5:1-13)

A. It is reported

B. Outrageous immorality (5:1-2)

Leviticus 18:7ff

C. Corinthians' attitude

D. Paul's authority (5:3)

E. Sin in the Church needs to be judged (5:3-8)

1) Consequences:

1 John 5:19

a) The world is Satan's domain

1 Timothy 1:20

2) Purpose (5:5)

a) Destruction of the flesh (Grk: *sarkos*) – commentators disagree

(1) Options

(2) Some think – physical suffering to “break the power of sinful lusts and habits”

2 Corinthians 12:7

Cf. Acts 1:1-11, 13:9-11, 2 Cor 10:8, 13:10 examples of apostolic inflicting of “bodily evils.”

(3) Some think – slow death, but giving time to repent

1 Corinthians 11:30, 32

(4) Ultimately: All discipline is calculated to bring about repentance and restoration

Hebrews 12:6

b) Saving of the spirit (5:5) – excommunication is a means to an end

Matthew 18:9

c) Purification of the church (5:6-8).

3) Weightiness of excommunication is stated (5:4)

F. General principle of dealing with sin in the church (5:9-13)

1) Previous instruction: Don't isolate from immoral people of this world (9)

1 Corinthians 15:33

2) Don't fellowship with sinning "believers"

3) Which sins do you excommunicate over? (5:10-11)

Immorality, greed, swindlers, idolaters, slanderer, drunkard, being divisive

Titus 3:10

G. How does this relate to the cross?

H. Application

2. Lawsuits (6:1-11)

A. Picks up on the church's responsibility to provide judgment

B. Believers shouldn't take believers to court (6:1-6)

C. Suing another believer means complete break down of the faith (6:7-8)

Matthew 5:39

D. The cross is the solution (6:9-11)

E. Application

3. Fornication (6:12-20)

A. The issue is not what is _____, but what is _____. (6:12)

B. Our purpose in life: _____(6:13)

C. Sexual sin is wrong because:

D. Application