

Studies in First Corinthians

NT Survey Lesson 91--1 Corinthians 5

Introduction: At this point in the letter Paul turns his attention to another problem at Corinth. One of the members was guilty of marrying his step-mother. This sin was being tolerated by the Corinthians rather than being opposed. In this chapter Paul gives instructions on how to deal with those who persist in wickedness.

Lesson aim: To show how the church should respond to those who continue in wickedness.

Instructions concerning a fornicator--1 Cor. 5:1-13

1. What sin was a man at Corinth committing? With whom was this man committing this sin?
2. Was this sin common among the non-believers in Corinth?
3. What attitude did the Corinthians have? What attitude should they have had?
4. What did Paul say should have been done with one who sinned like this?
5. What did Paul say he had done with the sinning man?
6. What did Paul tell the Corinthians to do to this man?
7. What was the purpose of doing this?
8. What warning did Paul give the Corinthians about tolerating sin in their midst?: "A little _____ leavens the _____ lump."
9. What were the Corinthians to do with the evil leaven working among themselves?
10. We should celebrate a spiritual feast with _____ and _____.

11. Perhaps the Corinthians' behavior was based on a misunderstanding of an earlier letter from Paul. What had Paul urged them not to do?
12. Did Paul mean they could not associate with anyone who was immoral or brethren who had become immoral?
13. With what kinds of brethren did Paul say Christians should not associate?
14. How far should we go in not associating with these people?
15. Who did Paul say the church should judge?
16. What were the Corinthians to do with the wicked man?