

**INTRODUCTION**

- \* Paul's first epistle (letter) to the church of Corinth was written in order to assist them in dealing with various issues with which they were struggling.
- \* As we can relate, living in a hedonistic, licentious society can have it affect upon the "set apartness" of the individual believer and gathering of believers.
- \* Recall Paul's initial statement to the Corinthians regarding their calling: "To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified (set apart) in Christ Jesus, called to be saints (set apart ones), with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ ..."
- \* A major purpose of Paul's epistle is to assist the believers in this process of sanctification.
- \* Over the next couple of weeks we will be considering several areas in which we as believers must choose Kingdom thinking.
- \* Today, we consider Paul's instruction to the church regarding the dispensing of judgment and justice in the church.

**INSTRUCTION:****I. DEALING WITH P\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_ IN THE CHURCH (cf. 5:1-13)****A. The S\_\_\_\_\_ in the Church (v. 1-2)****B The S\_\_\_\_\_ of the Church (v. 3-8)**

1. D\_\_\_\_\_ THE SINNER (cf. 2 Corinthians 2:5-11)
2. P\_\_\_\_\_ THE LEAVEN
  - a. Removing Malice and Wickedness
  - b. Embracing Sincerity and Truth

**C. The S\_\_\_\_\_ of the Church (v. 9-13)****II. DEALING WITH P\_\_\_\_\_ M\_\_\_\_\_ IN THE CHURCH (cf. 6:1-11)****A. The T\_\_\_\_\_****B. The P\_\_\_\_\_**

- 1 DELINEATED BY JESUS (Matthew 18:15-20)
2. DELINEATED BY PAUL (1 Cor 6:4-8)

**C. The R\_\_\_\_\_**

1. THE S\_\_\_\_\_ SHALL JUDGE THE W\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 2-3)
2. THE L\_\_\_\_\_ SHALL JUDGE U\_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor 5:1-10)

**INTROSPECTION**

- \* HOW IMPORTANT IS IT TO YOU TO DEAL WITH YOUR OWN SIN?
- \* HOW IMPORTANT IS IT TO YOU TO DEAL WITH PUBLIC SIN IN THE BODY OF CHRIST?
- \* ARE YOU WILLING TO BE WRONGED RATHER THAN BRING SHAME UPON THE BODY OF CHRIST?
- \* ARE YOU WILLING TO TRUST THOSE IN THE ASSEMBLY TO ARBITRATE DISPUTES?
- \* IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?

**INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion**

- \* What affect should our litigation-focused society have upon the execution of church disciple?
- \* How do we find a proper balance between grace and judgment when dealing with the sins of the saints?
- \* Scenario: You are a contractor and you have a customer who claims to be a Christian. This customer fails to pay their invoice. Using the Holy Spirit and Scripture as your guide, what do you believe should be the appropriate response of a believer?