

IMMORALITY AND CHURCH DISCIPLINE

I Corinthians 5:1-13

IBC - Keeseville NY
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Introduction: "The church at Corinth was not only a divided church, but it was a disgraced church. There was sin in the assembly and, sad to say, everybody knew about it. But the church was slow to do anything about it. No church is perfect but imperfection must never be an excuse for sin. Just as parents must discipline their children in love, so local churches must exercise discipline over the members of the assembly. Church discipline is not a group of 'pious policemen' out to catch a criminal. Rather, it is a group of brokenhearted brothers and sisters seeking to restore an erring member of the family." *WARREN WIERSBE - THE BIBLE EXPOSITION COMMENTARY* - Since the church leadership did not want to handle the situation Paul very abruptly states the sinful behavior in no uncertain terms and instructs the church in how they must deal with the sinning member.

I. THE _____ STATED - vvs. 1-2

A. THE PROBLEM _____ THE CHURCH - v. 1

B. THE PROBLEM _____ THE CHURCH - v. 2

II. THE _____ COMMANDED - vvs. 3-5

A. THE APOSTLE'S _____ - v. 3

B. THE CHURCH'S _____ - vvs. 4-5

1. _____ - v. 4

2. _____ - v. 4

3. _____ - v. 5

III. THE _____ EXAMINED - vvs. 6-8

A. FROM THE LAW OF _____ - v. 6

B. FROM THE LAW OF _____ - vvs. 7-8

IV. THE _____ CLARIFIED- vvs. 9-13

CONCLUSION