



1 CORINTHIANS

SEEING EVERY PART OF LIFE THROUGH THE GOSPEL

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RESURRECTION IS INDISPENSABLE



1 Corinthians 4:18-21 (ESV)

18 Some are arrogant, as though I were not coming to you. 19 But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk of these arrogant people but their power. 20 For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power. 21 What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?



1 Corinthians 5:1-2 (ESV)

1 It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans for a man has his father's wife. 2 And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you.



1 Corinthians 5:3-5 (ESV)

3 For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. 4 When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, 5 you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.



“I am not thereby acquitted; it is the
Lord who judges me.” (4:4)



“A man has his father’s wife...” (v. 1)



“None of you shall approach any one of his close relatives to uncover nakedness. I am the LORD. You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father, which is the nakedness of your mother. She is your mother, you shall not uncover her nakedness. You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father’s wife; it is your father’s nakedness.” **(Leviticus 18:6-8)**



"Do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God." (4:5)



**What is the PURPOSE of church
discipline?**



Church discipline is a process designed to rescue believers ensnared in destructive sin. It is a stern, but loving intervention that hopes to prompt repentance in a wayward sibling so that they might ultimately be restored to life and life-giving community.



Church discipline is a practice that protects the people of Christ from the ravages of seductive sin, while ensuring their spiritual vitality and the purity of our collective witness.



1 Corinthians 5:6 (ESV)

6 You boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?



**What is the POSTURE of church
discipline?**



“Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” **(Galatians 6:1-2)**



“Let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.”

(1 Corinthians 10:12)



What is the PROCESS of church discipline?



“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses.” **(Matthew 18:15-16)**



“If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

(Matthew 18:17-18)



“Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

(Matthew 18:19-20)



“You are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus... with the power of our Lord Jesus.” (v. 4)



“Deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.” (v. 5)



**What is a PICTURE of church
discipline?**



“For Christ, our Passover lamb, has
been sacrificed.” (v. 7)





**Church discipline contains both
PAIN and PROMISE.**



“For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it... Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God.”

(Hebrews 12:11, 14-15)



2 Corinthians 2:5-7 (ESV)

5 Now if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but in some measure — not to put it too severely — to all of you. 6 For such a one, this punishment by the majority is enough, 7 so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.



2 Corinthians 2:8-11 (ESV)

8 So I beg you to reaffirm your love for him. 9 For this is why I wrote, that I might test you and know whether you are obedient in everything. 10 Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ, 11 so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.

