

1 CORINTHIANS

SEEING EVERY PART OF LIFE THROUGH THE GOSPEL

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RESURRECTION IS INDISPENSABLE



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.



1. Repentance means
CONFESSING your sin in a
specific, detailed way.



2. Repentance means feeling **GODLY SORROW** and realizing the impact your sin has had on others.



3. Repentance means asking for FORGIVENESS from those we've wounded, both human and divine.



4. Repentance means CHANGING
OUR BEHAVIOR in a manner that
is tangible and measurable.



“Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.” (2 Corinthians 7:10; NIV)



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



1 Corinthians 5:6-8 (ESV)

6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 7 Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 8 Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.



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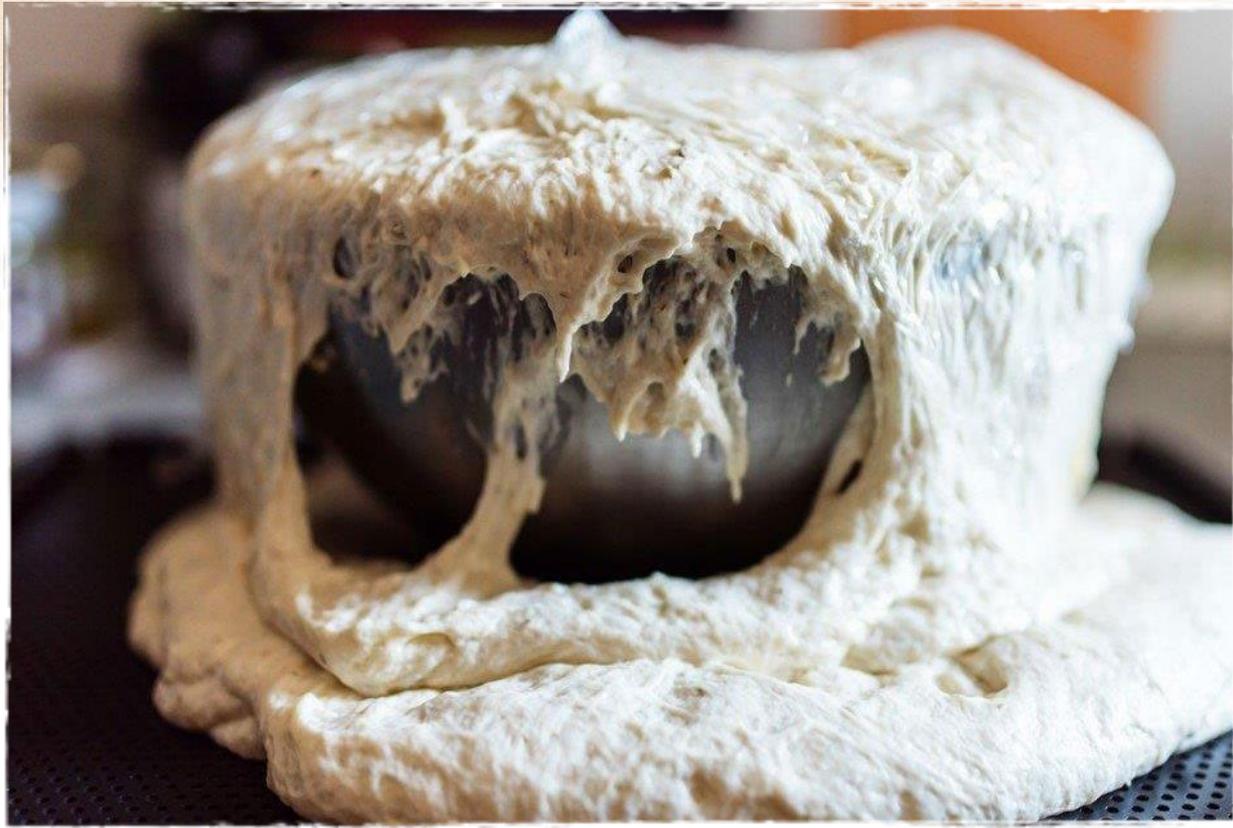
Pure Yeast





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Fresh Yeast or Leaven



Our private, personal sin — that unrepentant vice that we quietly cherish and cultivate — has the power to impact and infect the whole of our lives and faith community.



Church discipline is like the invasive surgery that cleans out the cancer, so that the body may be whole.



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Feast of Unleavened Bread

Exodus 12-13



The proper response to grace is to clean out the old leaven from your life and to joyfully feast with the Lord in humility, gratitude, and purity.



“Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel... For seven days no leaven is to be found in your houses. If anyone eats what is leavened, that person will be cut off from the congregation of Israel...” (Exodus 12:15, 19)



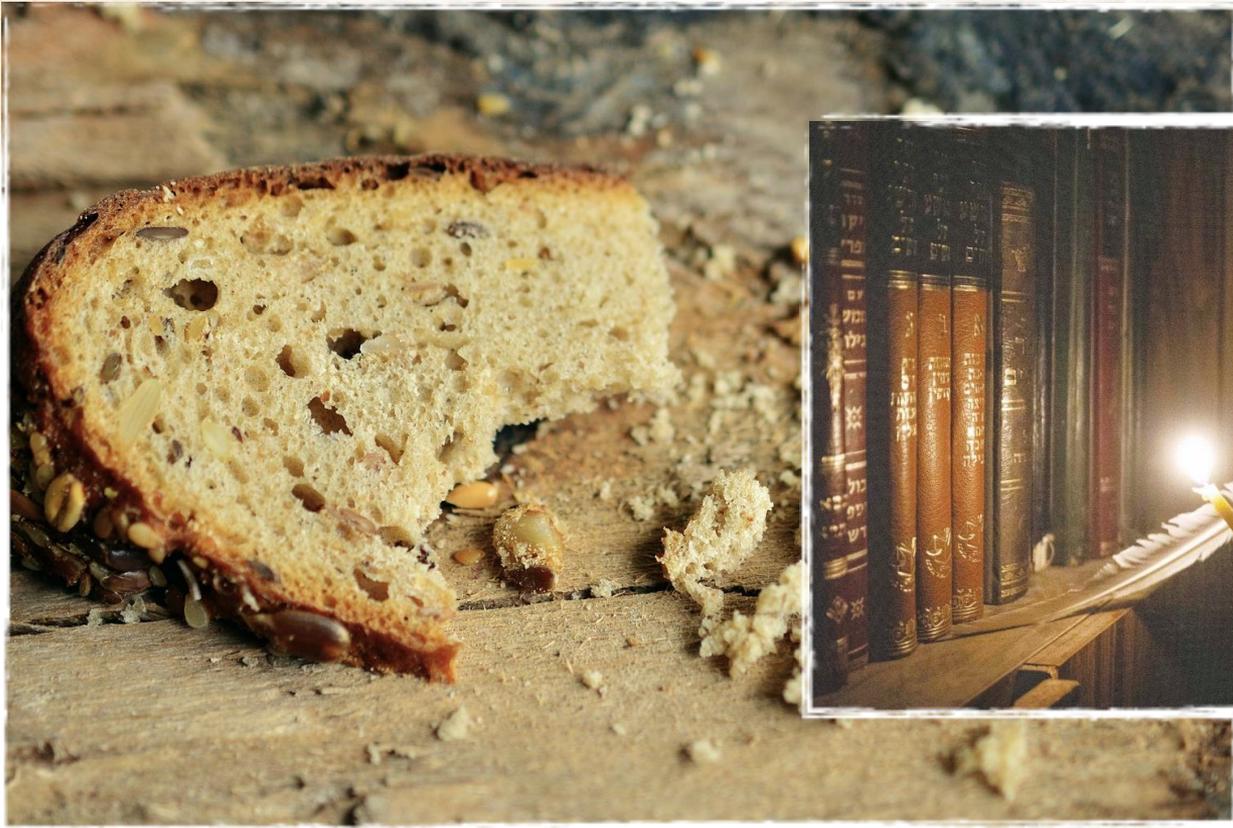
“Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.”

(Colossians 2:16-17)



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Bedikat Chametz (Search for Leaven)



“Blessed are You, O Lord our God,
King of the universe, who sanctifies
us with his commandments and
commanded us regarding the
removal of leaven.”



“Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me and lead me in the way everlasting!”

(Psalm 139:23-24)



“All leaven and leavened bread that is in my possession which I have not seen, removed, or is unknown to me, shall be considered ownerless like the dust of the earth.”



“So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus... How can we who died to sin still live in it?”
(Romans 6:11, 2)



“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are... Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.” (1 John 3:1-3)



**Have you ever (in prayerful
conversation with the Spirit)
engaged in a seek-and-destroy
mission for sin in your life?**



“You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you... No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God’s seed abides in him.”

(1 John 3:5-7, 9)



1 Corinthians 5:9-10 (ESV)

9 I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people —
10 not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.



1 Corinthians 5:11-13 (ESV)

11 But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. 12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? 13 God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.”



“to associate with”
(Greek *sunanamignumi*)

Mixing up together to the point of
joining, fusing, and blending



Our search for leaven starts at home.

**What in your life needs to be
cleared out and repented of?**

