

1 Corinthians Class Schedule

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Outline*

THE PROBLEM OF IMMORALITY or "The Corinthian Indifference" 5:1-13*

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² You have become arrogant and have not mourned instead, so that the one who had done this deed would be removed from your midst.

³ For I, on my part, though absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged him who has so committed this, as though I were present.

⁴ In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and I with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus,

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actually - means *most assuredly* or *beyond doubt*, see 1 Cor. 6:7

reported - akouō - "to hear," It is in the present tense, meaning this is heard all the time (continually) - it is common talk and common knowledge; this is not gossip.*

see Acts 15:4, Acts 16:36

immorality - porneia - fornication, lewdness, or any sexual sin.
see 1 Cor 6:18, 1 Cor 7:2

The words *among you* indicates that this case of immorality was going on within the local assembly at Corinth.*

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immorality of such a kind

such a kind as - such as, of this kind or sort.

does not exist even among the Gentiles

The relationship was not legal because the practice was forbidden by Roman law. A quote from Cicero referring to a similar situation to that in Corinth says: "O incredible crime for a woman, and such as has never been heard of in the world in any other than her solitary case!"
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see OT verses about Reuben – Gen 35:22, 49:3-4 & 1 Chron. 5:1

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that someone has his father's wife

has – lit: to have - echo - to have and hold, implying continued possession

The verb translated "to have", when used in sexual or marital contexts, is a euphemism for a continuing relationship in contrast to a "one night stand." This man and this woman were "living together."
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² You have become arrogant and have not mourned instead, so that the one who had done this deed would be removed from your midst.

you have become arrogant (lit: to puff up)

see 1 Cor 4:6, Col 2:18

you - emphatic pronoun; **lit:** and you of all people

When Paul says they are arrogant, he does not mean that the Corinthians were proud of the sin; he means they were proud in the presence of the sin. McCalley

And as for you, you have been guilty of an inflated ego and are at present in the same state. (Wuest)

and have not mourned instead

mourned - to mourn for; lament of sorrow for sin or for condoning it, also see Jas. 4:9;

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so that – lit: with a purpose that

Subject: the one who had done this deed

The word *done* is *prasso*, which frequently refers to a practice arising from a belief. The man here had a perverted moral view that manifested itself in his conduct.*

Verb: **would be removed** (in the passive voice)

- They should have been mourning over this man's sin and taken action as detailed in Matt. 18:15-17
- Then the man would have been removed by the Lord (conviction of sin would have caused him to leave)

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For I, on my part

Verse 3 begins with the emphatic pronoun “I”. Paul is saying, “My convictions on this matter are far different than yours.”*

Paul is absent from the body at Corinth and has come to a firm decision as if he were present

I --- have already judged him who has so committed this

judged – krino - "to separate, select, choose;" hence, "to determine," and so "to judge, pronounce judgment."

already handed down my sentence, and this sentence stands (Wuest)

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⁴ In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and I with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus,

- Paul now states the authority in making this decision

In the name of our Lord Jesus

Taking this action in the name of our Lord Jesus means the church is to act on behalf of Him and for His honor and glory.*

see similar verse 2 Thess. 3:6

when you are assembled, and I with you in spirit

The church meets regularly and he considered himself part of their body

with the power of our Lord Jesus

Paul and the body of believers have access to this power

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⁵ *I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan* for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

- Paul as an apostle apparently had this power

1 Timothy 1:20 Among these are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan, so that they will be taught not to blaspheme.

for the destruction of his flesh

destruction - the fundamental thought is not annihilation--- but unavoidable distress and torment.

this is apparently his physical body – maybe like Job see Job 2:3-7; Job 7:5; Job 13:28; Job 30:30

so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus

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Paul now returns to the subject of Corinthian pride

Your boasting is not good

boasting – that in which one glories, a matter or ground of glorying. also v2 and see James 4:16

Do you not know - that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough

leaven - leaven always refers to evil in the Bible. It pictures evil that tends to permeate and eventually dominate.* see Gal 5:9, Matt 16:12

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⁷ Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are *in fact* unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed.

Clean out the old leaven

In Jewish life it was customary to throw away all the leaven (yeast) in the house when the family prepared for the Passover celebration (Exod. 12:15;13:6-7) Constable

so that – you (plural) may be a new lump, just as you are *in fact* unleavened

- In our position every believer is unleavened but in our condition we may allow leaven to creep in

For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed.

Mark 14:12 On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover *lamb* was being sacrificed, - also 1 Peter 1:18-19

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Therefore let us celebrate the feast (present tense)

What is this feast?

option1 - with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness

option2 - with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The Corinthians are to deal with the sin of the man, and they are also to deal with their own sin. It would have been hypocrisy for them to deal with the man and then fail to deal with themselves.

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