



Our Brother's Keeper?

Cross-Centered Church #3

1 Corinthians 5:1 It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has his father's wife. **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, **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. **6** Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough? **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. **8** Therefore let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and

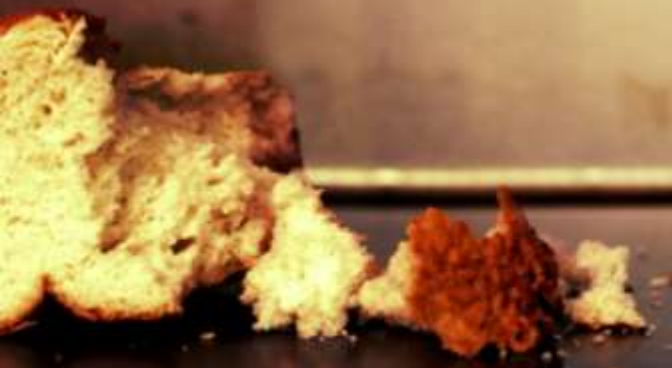
wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. **9** I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people; **10** I did not at all mean with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters, for then you would have to go out of the world. **11** But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with

with any so-called brother if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler—not even to eat with such a one. **12** For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within the church? **13** But those who are outside, God judges. REMOVE THE WICKED MAN FROM AMONG YOURSELVES.

Issue #1: Arrogance



Need #1: Mourning



Issue #2: Acceptance



Need #2: Action



2 Thessalonians 3:14 If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of that person and do not associate with him, so that he will be put to shame. **15** Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

2 Corinthians 2:5 But if any has caused sorrow, he has caused sorrow not to me, but in some degree – in order not to say too much – to all of you. **6** Sufficient for such a one is this punishment which was inflicted by the majority, **7** so that on the contrary you should rather forgive and comfort him, otherwise such a one might be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. **8** Wherefore I urge you to reaffirm your love for him.

Need #2: Action





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