

THE WAY

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

1 It is actually reported *that there is* sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles—that a man has his father's wife! **2** And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you. **3** For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged (as though I were present) him who has so done this deed. **4** In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, **5** deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

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Does not Sanction Immoral Behavior

vv.1-5

**6 Your glorying is not good. Do you not know
that a little leaven leavens the whole
lump? 7 Therefore purge out the old leaven,
that you may be a new lump, since you truly
are unleavened. For indeed Christ,
our Passover, was sacrificed for us.**

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Seeks Purity vv. 6-7

- 8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

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Reflects Sincerity and Truth v.8

**9 I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company
with sexually immoral people**

**10 Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually
immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or
extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need
to go out of the world. 11 But now I have written to
you not to keep company with anyone named a
brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an
idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner
—not even to eat with such a person. 12 For
what have I to do with judging those also who are
outside? Do you not judge those who are
inside? 13 But those who are outside God judges.
Therefore “put away from yourselves the evil person.”**

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**Recognizes that Different Treatment is
Appropriate for Sinners in the Church and
Sinners in the World vv. 9-13**

Does God's Way Work?

- **Hebrews 3:12-14** Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; 13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end,