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Wisely Confronting Sin

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

Chapter 5 begins a discourse on various issues the church must address through the power of God's wisdom. The first issue blatant, unrepentant sin committed by a member of the church. Moreover, the church refuses to deal with this member's sin. Their puffed-up wisdom causes them to overlook and even tolerate sin in the church body to the detriment of the believer, the church body, and the Gospel.

Additional Verses:

Leviticus 18:8

Matthew 18:15-20

Romans 16:17-18

Galatians 6:1-2

Outline:

1. Unconfronted sin flourishes in a prideful church.
2. Unconfronted sin destroys the person.
3. Unconfronted sin corrupts the church body.
4. Unconfronted sin is solved through the redemptive work of Jesus.

Study Questions:

1. How can pride prevent a church from confronting sin? Are there any areas where you see this in your life? What is the solution?
2. How can confronting sin save the sinner? What does this reveal about the ultimate goal of church discipline?
3. Explain why Paul uses the Passover as an example. Why is a little sin dangerous to the entire body?
4. How is the Gospel harmed when sin is not confronted in the church? What does this say about the power of the Gospel?
5. Why is the church's witness ineffective because of unrepentant sin?
6. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?