

Blinded by Pride

Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! Without us you have become kings! And would that you did reign, so that we might share the rule with you! 1 Corinthians 4:8

These people were spiritual elitists.

They had an overinflated sense of their spiritual status.

Infected with Impurity

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you ... v. 1

Spiritual pride ...

... makes outward piety a higher priority than inner _____

... that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. v. 1

... leads to _____ and _____

And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? v. 2a

... results in _____

"All things are lawful for me, ..." 1 Corinthians 6:12 ... "all of us possess knowledge." 1 Corinthians 8:1

... requires drastic _____

Let him who has done this be removed from among you. For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord. vv. 2b-5

... can quickly become _____

Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 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. 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. vv. 6-8

... prohibits corporate _____

I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—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. 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. For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? God judges those outside. "Purge the evil person from among you." vv. 9-13

What is your role in protecting the spiritual health of Christ Chapel?

Live with a spirit of humility.

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." James 4:6

Treat sin seriously.

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. Ephesians 5:11

Practice loving accountability.

If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him ... Luke 17:3

Protect the church's integrity.

... walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called ... Ephesians 4:1

"You say, 'I am rich. I have everything I want. I don't need a thing!' And you don't realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. So I advise you to buy gold from me—gold that has been purified by fire. Then you will be rich. Also buy white garments from me so you will not be shamed by your nakedness, and ointment for your eyes so you will be able to see. I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent and turn from your indifference." Revelation 3:17-19 NLT

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5:1-16

The Sinister Power of Spiritual Pride

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DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

1. Read 1 Corinthians chapter 5. What was the Corinthians' rationale for the sin among them? How does this rationalizing compare with modern-day attitudes toward sin?

2. In what ways is sexual immorality in the church a symptom of spiritual pride?

3. Why was it important that the Corinthians (or us) mourn over the sin (v. 2)? What a lack of mourning over sin reveal?

4. In what ways should a church, and individual believers, respond when one of its people is caught in a public scandal?

5. Why did Paul object to the Corinthian believers taking each other to court? Do you think Paul means that Christians should never take another Christian to court?

6. What has the Holy Spirit promoted you to do in response to this sermon? What steps will you take to respond this week?

STEPS IN CHURCH DISCIPLINE For the Purpose of Ultimate Restoration

MATTHEW 18:15-20

Any of the following steps with a person caught in habitual, unrepentant sin should be used to call them to repentance and to remind them of the hope of the gospel.

1. Have a private conversation. (v. 15)

The believer who knows of unrepentant sin goes to the one who has sinned and, in love, calls him to repentance. Rather than fostering gossip and division, Jesus commands His people to speak privately first, "just between the two of [them]."

2. Take one or two others along. (v. 16)

This step widens the circle of involvement while not yet formally involving the church's leadership. Those involved up to this point evaluate the response of the one caught in sin and determine if there is evidence of genuine, lasting repentance. In many cases this step may take weeks, or months, or even longer.

3. Inform leadership (staff, deacons or elders) of the situation.

Is the sin concrete and serious enough to warrant the next steps of church discipline? Are there other believers who might speak to the one caught in sin? How do we care for those who were wronged?

4. Leadership confronts the one caught in sin.

The leadership makes formal contact with the one caught in sin, to hear their side of the story and express their love and concern while calling them to repentance. If the person remains unrepentant, they are notified of how this will affect their fellowship.

5. Tell it to the affected portion of the congregation. (v. 17)

At this point, Jesus commands the leadership to explain the situation of the unrepentant sinner and communicate what's taken place to the affected portion of the congregation. They want to communicate enough so the congregation understands the need for church discipline, but not so much that it makes returning upon repentance difficult because of public shame, embarrassed family members, or causing weaker sheep to stumble.

6. Remove the unrepentant from the church. (v. 17)

After following all the previous steps, if the individual continues to refuse to listen "even to the church" and repent of their sin, the elders update the affected portion of the congregation that the unrepentant sinner has been removed from the fellowship.

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. That's a great spot to see what's coming up!

MAKE AN IMPACT WITH CHILDREN'S

MINISTRY! When you serve with our Children's team, you not only expand your community at CCBC, but you make an impact in one of the biggest mission fields we have — our kids! Our Children's Ministry team is still looking for people to join them and you (yes, you!) can play a part in kiddos learning about the God who wants to be their forever friend. Stop by the Children's Welcome Area today or email children@christchapelbc.org to get started.

VIRTUAL KIDSCAMP KICKS OFF TOMORROW, JULY 26—SIGN UP FOR A BOX OF SUPPLIES!

Did you know we're taking All Aboard KidsCamp 2021 and putting the entire experience online for friends and family to enjoy? It's true! Sign up for virtual KidsCamp and we'll get you a box of supplies including evangelism tools, art and mission projects, T-shirts and more. That way, you can host a KidsCamp experience at home or wherever you are. Sign up today at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

NEW TO CHRIST CHAPEL? JUMP INTO CONNECTING POINT NEXT SUNDAY, AUG.

1. If you're new around here, Connecting Point is where you want to go to start putting down roots and connecting to the Christ Chapel family! The August experience, which starts Sunday, Aug. 1 at 11 a.m., will tell you all about the church and the ways we're here to help you grow in your faith. Sign up at www.ccbcfamily.org/cp.

READY FOR A SEASON OF GROWTH? APPLY FOR THRIVE.

This fall, Thrive is back in person and ready to give you a place to be real, challenged and changed. As a discipleship experience, Thrive helps you get to the roots of sin and suffering in your life, and embrace the freedom and redemption found only in Jesus. Whether you are struggling through anxiety, fear, hopelessness, spiritual discontentment, broken relationships, pornography, disordered eating, anger or feeling stuck in a particular area of life, there's a place for you at Thrive. Learn more and apply at www.ccbcfamily.org/thrive.

DON'T MISS THE JULY CCBC DATE NIGHT EXPERIENCE.

Made to equip couples with tools for strengthening their relationship, CCBC Date Nights are fun, intentional ways to spend time together. The July plan is all about hope and includes a dinner recipe, a walk down memory lane, conversation starters and ideas for praying together. Go ahead and save some time for your next date, then visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events to see the whole July experience.

LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT

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PHONE. The process is quick and easy—just text "CCBCFW" to 833-422-7200 to get started.

EXERCISE FOR THIS WEEK

Read Matthew 18:15-20, and the *Steps in Church Discipline* above.

How does the Spirit of God lead you to pray for our church after reading the Scriptural passage and the information above? Does it prompt you to privately confront another believer caught in habitual, unrepentant sin? What spiritual pride of your own do you need to confess to the Lord first?