

# Sin and the Bride of Christ (Pt. 1)

*a study in 1 Cor. 5:1-13*

## I. Introduction

Beginning in chapter 5, Paul moves into some practical application of the theological principles he has been discussing from the beginning of the book.

## II. The Bride of Christ

1. The Church in Scripture is referred to as the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_
2. Christ is referred to as the \_\_\_\_\_, who makes a solemn covenant with His Bride
3. Christ desires a Bride who is \_\_\_\_\_ and without \_\_\_\_\_

**Eph. 5:25-27** – "...that she might be holy and without blemish."

4. The Bride has been redeemed through the cleansing work of God and is to be clothed with \_\_\_\_\_

**Rev. 19:7-9** – "...for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints."

## III. The Insidious Sin

1. Spiritual immaturity had led so many in the church to embrace and condone \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. **1 Thess. 4:1-8** – a responsibility and part of your sanctification is the abstention from sexual immorality.
  - ii. **Col. 3:5-7** – "consider yourself dead to immorality...because of these that the wrath of God comes upon sons of disobedience"
  - iii. **Eph. 5:3-13** – expose the 'unfruitful deeds of darkness'
  - iv. *Porneia* – sexual immorality
2. Continuing sin comes from a lack of \_\_\_\_\_ over the things that grieve the heart of God
  - i. **Matt. 5:4** – "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"
  - ii. **2 Cor. 12:21** – "I am afraid that when I come again my God may humiliate me before you, and I may mourn over many of those who have sinned in the past"

and not repented of the impurity, immorality and sensuality which they have practiced.”

iii. **Eph 4:30** – “Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”

iv. **Eph. 5:3, 11** – immorality...must not even be named among the saints; Don’t participate in unfruitful deeds of darkness but even **expose them**.

#### IV. The Solution Presented

1. Sin must be dealt with \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

i. *Divinely* - through the working of the Holy Spirit on the heart of the believer, through God’s Word upon the heart, mind, and will, and emotions.

ii. *Personally* – through the individual believer endeavoring to obey God’s commands with greater and greater fidelity every day.

iii. *Corporately* – the other members of the church, with the direction of the leadership, help bring accountability to the erring believer.

2. Persistent sin will threaten to \_\_\_\_\_ the entire church

3. Sins against another believer are to be dealt with \_\_\_\_\_

**Matt. 18** – roadmap for dealing with sin from one believer to another.

4. Public sins should be repented of \_\_\_\_\_

**Eph. 5:11** – expose deeds of darkness.

5. Persistent and Unrepentant Sin must result in EXPULSION from the \_\_\_\_\_

#### V. The Leaven and the Passover

1. The Lord will spare the holy ones from \_\_\_\_\_

2. Christ is the One who has brought the \_\_\_\_\_ of God

#### VI. The Sphere for Discipline

1. Christians are to be \_\_\_\_\_ the world, and not \_\_\_\_\_ the world

**John 15:18-19** – <sup>18</sup>“If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before *it* hated you. <sup>19</sup>If you were of the world, the world would love its own;

but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world,  
because of this the world hates you.”

2. Christians cannot coddle religious \_\_\_\_\_
3. Christians have the means to identify \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_, and God must be the One to judge those \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_

## **VII. Conclusion**

1. Tolerating what God hates leads to more of what God hates
2. Christians know how to be humble before our holy God
3. The Lord has given us the means to decipher truth from error

## Answer Key:

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### II. The Bride of Christ

1. The Church in Scripture is referred to as the **BRIDE** of **CHRIST**
2. Christ is referred to as the **BRIDEGROOM**, who makes a solemn covenant with His Bride
3. Christ desires a Bride who is **HOLY** and without **BLEMISH**
4. The Bride has been redeemed through the cleansing work of God and is to be clothed with **RIGHTEOUS ACTS**

### III. The Insidious Sin

1. Spiritual immaturity had led so many in the church to embrace and condone **SEXUAL IMMORALITY**
2. Continuing sin comes from a lack of **MOURNING** over the things that grieve the heart of God

### IV. The Solution Presented

1. Sin must be dealt with **DIVINELY, PERSONALLY, and CORPORATELY**
2. Persistent sin will threaten to **POLLUTE** the entire church
3. Sins against another believer are to be dealt with **WITHOUT DELAY**
4. Public sins should be repented of **PUBLICLY**
5. Persistent and Unrepentant Sin must result in **EXPULSION** from the **LOCAL CHURCH**

### V. The Leaven and the Passover

1. The Lord will spare the holy ones from **HIS WRATH**
2. Christ is the One who has brought the **MERCY** of God

### VI. The Sphere for Discipline

1. Christians are to be **IN** the world, and not **OF** the world
2. Christians cannot coddle religious **PRETENDERS**
3. Christians have the means to identify **SIN** from **HOLINESS**, and God must be the One to judge those **OUTSIDE** of the **CHURCH**

## VII. Conclusion