

The Siege of Higgins Hollow

1 Corinthians 5

The local church is where sin is understood and dealt with in order to preserve it's holiness and it's ability to pursue God's work.

God desires the local church to;

1. know what sin is. v1, Romans 7:18-24, Hebrews 4:15
2. deal with sin inside the church. Matthew 18:15–17, Matthew 7:16–23
 - a. by grieving over it. v2
 - b. as a congregation. v3-4
 - c. by removing it. v2,5
 - d. with a hope of restoration. v5
 - e. to preserve it's holiness. v6-11
3. deal with sin outside the church. v12-13

1 Peter 1:16-19

You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds,
conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile,
knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers,
not with perishable things such as silver or gold,
but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

There is no death of sin without the death of Christ.

~John Owen~

1616 –1683, English Puritan Nonconformist congregational minister, author, theologian, and vice-chancellor of the University of Oxford. One of the most prominent theologians in England during his lifetime, Owen was a prolific author who is known particularly for his writings on sin and human depravity.