



“Let’s Stay Salty”
I Corinthians 5:9-13
July 4, 2021

Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. As we celebrate Independence Day in the USA, we can also rejoice in how Christ delivers His people from the power of sin and satanic influence. How have you been set free as a follower of Jesus? In what ways have you experienced His redeeming grace?

QUICK REVIEW

In this portion of the book, Paul addresses a scandalous situation that required church discipline. The church was to remove a man in egregious unrepentant sin from their community. While maintaining that stance, Paul also needed to clarify something he had previously written. There were some people that church members needed to continue associating with, and others they needed to alter their relationships with, at least for a time. Following Paul’s instruction, they would remain a redemptive influence on the people of Corinth and would avoid compromising the distinctiveness of the church.

Following this example, we at Bethel Grace too can be the salt of the earth, preserving a Kingdom influence on the world without compromising in sin.

Read I Corinthians 5:1-13

To remain effective and distinct with Kingdom influence:

1. Keep mixing with _____ people in the world.
2. Stop mixing with _____ people in the church.

Was any point in this weekend’s message or portion of Scripture particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Some prominent voices are saying that the Bible only whispers about sexual sin why shouting about issues such as pride and injustice. But is the Bible really so quiet about sexual morality? Read I Corinthians 6:12-20 and Ephesians 5:3-5. What other verses on this topic come to mind? What is the Lord telling us?
2. How can we reconcile the teachings of I Corinthians 5:11 and Galatians 6:1-2. What is God doing in His church in each situation?
3. I Corinthians 5:12-13 use the word “judge” three times. Are Christians today prone toward judging those in the world or in their own local church? Where does God desire our greater concern? Why is this so?
4. Matthew 5:1-2 are among the most familiar and most quoted verses of our time. Read Matthew 5:1-5 for the broader point. How do we understand these verses about judging in Matthew 5 and I Corinthians 5 in relation to one another?