Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians – Part 5 (early 54)

1 Corinthians 5

The Case of Incest

- 1 It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has his father's wife.
- 2 You have become arrogant and have not mourned instead, so that the one who had done this deed would be removed from your midst.
- 3 For I, on my part, though absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged him who has so committed this, as though I were present.
- 4 In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and I with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus,
- 5 *I have decided* to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.
- 6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough?
- 7 Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are *in fact* unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed.
- 8 Therefore let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Dealing With Unrepentant Sin in the Church (Paul's first letter to the Corinthians)

- 9 I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people;
- 10 I *did* not at all *mean* with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters, for then you would have to go out of the world.
- 11 But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler—not even to eat with such a one.
- 12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within the church?
- 13 But those who are outside, God judges. REMOVE THE WICKED MAN FROM AMONG YOURSELVES. [cf. Deut 13:5]

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