

**PROBLEM -> SEXUAL
IMMORALITY**

"HAS" HIS FATHER'S WIFE

*Could mean that he had taken her **as his wife**

-Mt 14:4; 22:28

-1Co 7:2, 29

*Could simply indicate he had committed **sexual immorality** with her

ARROGANT / BOASTING

*Rather than mourn the immorality in their midst, the **PRIDE** of the Corinthians has **led them to boast** (Rom 1:32)!

*This type of **flaunting of sin** is rampant today among those who claim the name "Christian"

**THROUGH THE
LENS OF FAITH**



REMOVED / DELIVER / PURGE

Why does Paul instruct them to **remove the "man"** from their congregation?

1. To save his soul!

-1Tim 1:18-20

-2Cor 2:5-11



Destruction of the flesh?

-Separated from the fellowship of the church

-Treated as a heathen

Goal: He would realize the enormity of his sin and repent of his immorality!

2. To prevent the spread of "malice and evil"

3. To preserve their influence in the world
"actually reported" (1)

BUT NOW I AM WRITING...

*Paul moves from a **specific situation** to a **general principle**:

-Remove those from your congregation who openly **flaunt a sinful life**, and don't associate with them!

*Paul **clarifies** he **NOT** talking about those **in the world** (impossible)!

**I.E. COMMONLY KNOWN AND TALKED ABOUT
AMONG PEOPLE CAUSING GREAT SCANDAL:**

¹It is **actually reported** 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**.

²And you are **arrogant**! Ought you not rather to **mourn**? Let **him** who *has done this* be **removed from among you**. <- PAUL'S JUDGMENT OF THIS SITUATION

³**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. ⁴When you are assembled in the **name of the Lord Jesus** and my spirit is present, with the **power of our Lord Jesus**,

PAUL IS MAKING IT CLEAR THIS EXHORTATION / JUDGMENT IS GIVEN WITH THE AUTHORITY AND POWER OF "OUR LORD JESUS" (1Co 1:1; 2Co 12:12)

⁵you 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*. <- 2Co 1:14; 1Th 5:2; 2Pe 3:10

⁶Your **boasting** is *not good*. Do you not know that a **little leaven leavens the whole lump**? ⁷Cleanse out the **old leaven** that you may be a new lump, as you *really are unleavened*. For **Christ**, our **Passover lamb**, has been sacrificed. ⁸Let 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**.

⁹I wrote to you **in my letter** not to associate with **sexually immoral people**— ¹⁰**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**. <- CLARIFICATION

¹¹**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.

¹²**For** what have I to do with **judging outsiders**? Is it not those **inside the church** whom you are to judge?

IT IS LOGICAL FOR THE CHURCH TO EXERCISE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE OVER ITS MEMBERS, BUT IT MAKES NO SENSE TO APPLY THESE PRINCIPLES TO THE WORLD!

¹³**God judges those outside**. "**Purge the evil person from among you**." <- DEUT 22:24; 24:7

FATHER'S WIFE

Wife = γυνή (gunē)

*Literally "woman"

*Likely means she was the **stepmother** of the "man"

*This was **prohibited** by the **Law of Moses** under **penalty of death**:

-Lv 18:8; 20:11

-Dt 22:30; 27:20

*It was also a **violation** of **Roman law**

*Why does Paul address the **sexual immorality** of the "man" but NOT his "**father's wife**"?

LEAVEN / PASSOVER LAMB

*Paul uses the **observance of the Passover** as an illustration (metaphor) for his exhortation

-Ex 12; 13:3-16

*In **preparation** for the **Passover meal**, and the **Feast of Unleavened Bread**, **all leaven** was to be **removed from the house**.

*Only **unleavened bread** was to be eaten for Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread

-Ex 12:15, 20; 13:7

*In the illustration / metaphor of Paul:

-**Leaven** (Mt 16:6)

Malice and Evil

-**Unleavened Bread**
Sincerity and Truth

*Jesus our true **Passover Lamb** (Isa 53:7; Jn 1:29) has made us a **new creation** (2Co 5:17) like an **unleavened batch of dough**

*Paul is warning them that if they **tolerate** even a little **malice and evil**, it will work its way through the **entire congregation**, like leaven through dough!

I WROTE...IN MY LETTER

*Likely referencing a **previous letter** to the Corinthian church that **we do not possess**

-Is this a problem? The church has all the inspired writing God intended for his people



Has His

Matthew 14:4 (ESV)

⁴ because John had been saying to him, “It is not lawful for you to **have her**.”

Matthew 22:28 (ESV)

²⁸ In the resurrection, therefore, of the seven, whose wife will she be? For they all **had her**.”

1 Corinthians 7:2 (ESV)

² But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man **should have his own wife** and each woman her own husband.

1 Corinthians 7:29 (ESV)

²⁹ This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who **have wives** live as though they had none,

Father’s Wife

1222 γυνή (*gynē*), αἰκός (*aikos*), ἡ (*hē*): n.fem.; ≡ DBLHebr 851; Str 1135; TDNT 1.776—

1. LN 9.34 **woman**, adult female (Ac 22:4; Jn 8:3, 4, 9, 10 v.r.); **2.** LN 10.54 **wife** (Mt 5:31; Mt 19:29 v.r.); **3.** LN 34.70 γυναικὸς ἅπτομαι (*gynaikos haptomai*), marry, formally, touch a woman (1Co 7:1+)¹

1135. γυνή *gunē*; a prim. word; *a woman*:—bride(1), wife(71), wife’s(1), wives(11), woman(96), woman’s(1), women(33).²

Leviticus 18:8 (ESV)

⁸ You shall not uncover the nakedness of **your father’s wife**; it is your father’s nakedness.

Leviticus 20:11 (ESV)

¹¹ If a man lies with **his father’s wife**, he has uncovered his father’s nakedness; both of them shall **surely be put to death**; their blood is upon them.

Deuteronomy 22:30 (ESV)

³⁰ “A man **shall not take his father’s wife**, so that he does not uncover his father’s nakedness.

¹ Swanson, J. (1997). In *Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains: Greek (New Testament)* (electronic ed.). Logos Research Systems, Inc.

² Thomas, R. L. (1998). In *New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries : updated edition*. Foundation Publications, Inc.

Deuteronomy 27:20 (ESV)

²⁰ “ ‘Cursed be anyone who **lies with his father’s wife**, because he has uncovered his father’s nakedness.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’

Arrogant / Boasting

Romans 1:32 (ESV)

³² Though they know God’s righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but **give approval to those who practice them**.

Paul’s Authority

1 Corinthians 1:1 (ESV)

¹ Paul, called by the will of God to be **an apostle of Christ Jesus**, and our brother Sosthenes,

2 Corinthians 12:12 (ESV)

¹² The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with **signs and wonders and mighty works**.

Day of the Lord

2 Corinthians 1:14 (ESV)

¹⁴ just as you did partially understand us—that on the **day of our Lord Jesus** you will boast of us as we will boast of you.

1 Thessalonians 5:2 (ESV)

² For you yourselves are fully aware that the **day of the Lord** will come like a thief in the night.

2 Peter 3:10 (ESV)

¹⁰ But the **day of the Lord** will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Removed / Deliver / Purge

1 Timothy 1:18–20 (ESV)

¹⁸ This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, ¹⁹ holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, **some have made shipwreck of their faith,** ²⁰ **among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.**

2 Corinthians 2:5–11 (ESV)

⁵ Now if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but in some measure—not to put it too severely—to all of you. ⁶ For such a one, this punishment by the majority is enough, ⁷ so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. ⁸ So I beg you to **reaffirm your love for him**. ⁹ For this is why I wrote, that I might test you and know whether you are obedient in everything. ¹⁰ Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ, ¹¹ so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.

Deuteronomy 22:24 (ESV)

²⁴ then you shall bring them both out to the gate of that city, and you shall stone them to death with stones, the young woman because she did not cry for help though she was in the city, and the man because he violated his neighbor's wife. So you shall **purge the evil from your midst**.

Deuteronomy 24:7 (ESV)

⁷ “If a man is found stealing one of his brothers of the people of Israel, and if he treats him as a slave or sells him, then that thief shall die. So you shall **purge the evil from your midst**.

Leaven / Passover Lamb

Exodus 12 (ESV)

¹ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ² “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴ And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶ and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

⁷ “Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸ They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹ Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰ And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹ In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. ¹² For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will

execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴ “This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast. ¹⁵ Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. ¹⁶ On the first day you shall hold a holy assembly, and on the seventh day a holy assembly. No work shall be done on those days. But what everyone needs to eat, that alone may be prepared by you. ¹⁷ And you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day, throughout your generations, as a statute forever. ¹⁸ In the first month, from the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. ¹⁹ For seven days no leaven is to be found in your houses. If anyone eats what is leavened, that person will be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a sojourner or a native of the land. ²⁰ You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwelling places you shall eat unleavened bread.”

²¹ Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. ²² Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. ²³ For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you. ²⁴ You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. ²⁵ And when you come to the land that the LORD will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. ²⁶ And when your children say to you, ‘What do you mean by this service?’ ²⁷ you shall say, ‘It is the sacrifice of the LORD’s Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.’ ” And the people bowed their heads and worshiped.

²⁸ Then the people of Israel went and did so; as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

²⁹ At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of the livestock. ³⁰ And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians. And there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where someone was not dead. ³¹ Then he summoned Moses and Aaron by night and said, “Up, go out from among my people, both you and the people of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as you have said. ³² Take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone, and bless me also!”

³³ The Egyptians were urgent with the people to send them out of the land in haste. For they said, “We shall all be dead.” ³⁴ So the people took their dough before it was

leavened, their kneading bowls being bound up in their cloaks on their shoulders.³⁵ The people of Israel had also done as Moses told them, for they had asked the Egyptians for silver and gold jewelry and for clothing.³⁶ And the LORD had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have what they asked. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.

³⁷ And the people of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children.³⁸ A mixed multitude also went up with them, and very much livestock, both flocks and herds.³⁹ And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough that they had brought out of Egypt, for it was not leavened, because they were thrust out of Egypt and could not wait, nor had they prepared any provisions for themselves.

⁴⁰ The time that the people of Israel lived in Egypt was 430 years.⁴¹ At the end of 430 years, on that very day, all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.⁴² It was a night of watching by the LORD, to bring them out of the land of Egypt; so this same night is a night of watching kept to the LORD by all the people of Israel throughout their generations.

⁴³ And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “This is the statute of the Passover: no foreigner shall eat of it,⁴⁴ but every slave that is bought for money may eat of it after you have circumcised him.⁴⁵ No foreigner or hired worker may eat of it.⁴⁶ It shall be eaten in one house; you shall not take any of the flesh outside the house, and you shall not break any of its bones.⁴⁷ All the congregation of Israel shall keep it.⁴⁸ If a stranger shall sojourn with you and would keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised. Then he may come near and keep it; he shall be as a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it.⁴⁹ There shall be one law for the native and for the stranger who sojourns among you.”

⁵⁰ All the people of Israel did just as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron.⁵¹ And on that very day the LORD brought the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their hosts.

Exodus 13:3–16 (ESV)

³ Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten.⁴ Today, in the month of Abib, you are going out.⁵ And when the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, you shall keep this service in this month.⁶ Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to the LORD.⁷ Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days; no leavened bread shall be seen with you, and no leaven shall be seen with you in all your territory.⁸ You shall tell your son on that day, ‘It is because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.’⁹ And it shall be to you as a sign on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the law of the LORD may be in your mouth. For with a strong hand the LORD

has brought you out of Egypt. ¹⁰ You shall therefore keep this statute at its appointed time from year to year.

¹¹ “When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹² you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD’S. ¹³ Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴ And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. ¹⁵ For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’ ¹⁶ It shall be as a mark on your hand or frontlets between your eyes, for by a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt.”

Matthew 16:6 (ESV)

⁶ Jesus said to them, “Watch and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”

Isaiah 53:7 (ESV)

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

John 1:29 (ESV)

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.