

SERMON NOTES
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Is Sin Real?
1 Corinthians 5:1-8

The question at the center of 1 Corinthians 5

Only 2 possible answers

“The day you eat from it you shall surely die” (Genesis 2:17)

“You shall not die.” (Genesis 3:4)

Which is true?

“Let us celebrate the feast...with the unleavened bread of SINCERITY and TRUTH.” (1 Corinthians 5:8)

- Is sin real?
 - v. 1 – *porneia* (sex before marriage)
more scandalous for the insult to the Father
Ephesians 5:6; 1 Thessalonians 4:6, 8

- Is sin dangerous/deadly?
 - v. 2 – mourning required
Romans 6:23 – “wages of sin is death”; Galatians 6:7 – “reap what we sow.”
Matthew 18:15 “If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private.”

- Is sin contagious?
 - v. 1 – it is reported
Judges 16:20 “He did not know that the Lord had left him.”

A personal story
A foundational question

Scripture for today's sermon:

1 Corinthians 5:1-8

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.