



# 1 Corinthians

WALKING **RIGHT SIDE UP** IN AN **UPSIDE DOWN** WORLD

# **DEALING WITH SIN (PART 2)**

## **1 Corinthians 5:9-13**

### **THE POWER OF A SPOTLESS WITNESS**

- Why is the church so ineffective at shaping the fabric of our culture? Could it be that the church is little different than the world?
- So what should the church's stance be on sin in the body? How literal should we be?

***Of course, sexual sin is out, but do we really need to care about sin in other flavors?***

# LESSONS FROM THE PASSOVER



The Passover refers to when the Hebrews prepared for their exodus from slavery in Egypt.

- The Passover lamb had to be killed in order to get the blood to protect the Jews. Christ is the Passover lamb; He gave His blood for all the sins of all who believe.
- So Christians should have nothing to do with sins of the past—*“old yeast or leaven”*—as continuing in sin shows disregard and contempt for Christ’s sacrifice.

# GOING AFTER THE LEAVEN



In Paul's day, the Passover was celebrated with a ceremonial search throughout one's home for yeast and then destroying the yeast before the Passover lamb was slain in the temple.

- **PASSOVER** was a community festival. The Bible teaches that Christians have individual roles within the church, but believers are connected to Christ and to each other; the sin of one can affect us all, so get rid of all the leaven.

# **DEALING DECISIVELY WITH SIN v. 9-11**



- There is a difference between sin in the church and sin outside the church; between unbelievers holding unbiblical views and believers holding unbiblical views.
- We should not expect non-Christians to have fundamentally sound biblical understandings, or live by biblical standards; but we must expect believers to do so. **Romans 1:28-32**

## ***JUDGING SIN CORRECTLY* v. 12-13**

We judge believers and unbelievers differently—by the same standard of the Word, but with a different understanding.

- Case in point: unbelieving politicians. Just because someone says they are a Christian does not necessarily make them a believer.
- How they act, vote and what they articulate as their core beliefs tells the real story of faith in Jesus.

# ***A PROPER SET OF STANDARDS***

- Funny how people who otherwise ignore the Bible completely misquote the phrase, “do not judge” (**Matt. 7:1-24**). We must judge sin, or God will do it for us.
- They also fail to implement the detailed teaching of the three steps of confrontation in **Matthew 18: 15-17**.
- Nor do they judge with the heart of **Galatians 6:1**.

***WE CANNOT GET OUT OF THIS WORLD,  
but we can show the world Jesus by living out  
His Word and preaching the real gospel.***