

Since we're already saved, aren't we above sin's power?

I Cor 5 and II Cor 2:6,7

Paul gets specific now...

- In general there is an issue of immaturity
- Pride of "having arrived"= unaware journey- barely begun
- Divided over favorite leaders, but neglect sin in the ranks
- *"The ultimate test of spirituality is not knowledge or gifts; it is the ability to deal effectively with the sin problem"* -Dr. Frank Carver

Paul is shocked not be their sin, but by something else...

- **Porneia**= (unlawful sexual behavior)...basement
- **Culture**= sex -entertainment and casual recreation
- This culture saw this angle (incest) on Porneia as wrong
- **The lack of "mourning"** is what shocks Paul (something has died= should have been your response= (aorist tense) already taken place
- **Spiritual arrogance** makes one think that this sin doesn't affect who we are as Christ followers?

There is action to be taken, not just discussion and debate

- **Gather the troupes** under earthly and godly authority
- **Matthew 18** "when 2or3" and -the steps, the desired results and solution to indifference treat
- **Throw him** out (Ballone)
- **The ramifications of darkness**...fear, temp. thrill for a constant haunting of Sin's power to destroy...godly sorrow leads to repentance II Cor 7:10 "For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There's no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death" **FEAR OF DEATH**
- **Over to Satan** (to remove from the presence of Christ and the blessing of the Christ community in order to place the person fully under the reign of the kingdom of Satan in order to see it for what it really is)

- *Can we cloud peoples understanding of sin's power by rescuing them from the consequences of their sin?*
- **Pride is the issue** here (Kauchema) conceit= we're open minded and we have arrived
- **We are under authority***
- **Illustration:** opening the window of a warm cabin

Jesus and Paul used yeast as an illustration of godless power

- **First** Jesus used this (Mt 13) too as kingdom= it permeates (*Godly power*)
- And...in Matt 16 yeast as deceptive teaching of Pharisees (*godless power*)
- **Second** there is always more going on than meets the eye (*demonic influence*)
- **Here** it is the sin of Porneia but it also the pride that fails to confront sin (don't want to offend, don't want to lose their giving etc. would rather avoid the uncomfortable)
- **Purge** cleanse thoroughly, purify (mind of Christ)

This message is for the church not the world

- **Don't condemn** the world, that's God's job...stand up for innocent, the abused, the powerless yes, but not haranguing non-Christians for not acting like Christians!
- **Post Christian** society =use the Bible to communicate care for others, not as a club for sinfulness (pos. vs. neg)

By the way... II Cor 2:6 Most did; He felt discouraged; time to restore

**"Modern "scholarship" and clergy are the ones responsible for the secularization of culture due to their surrender of Biblical authority and a Biblical perspective of life's deepest questions. Under the guise of "scholarly objectivity" we've taken*

away the Bible as authority and either not replaced it or traded it for a humanistic point of view” -Ravi Zacharias Deliver Us From Evil