



“Gross Sin”

In the Church
I Corinthians 5:1-8

Gross sin is restrained by:

I. Expectation – “have not rather mourned” (vs. 1-2)

The church is to be:

- A. **Heedful** – “It is reported commonly”
- B. **Humble** - “And ye are puffed up”
- C. **Holy** – “he...might be taken away from among you”

II. Expulsion – “to deliver such an one unto Satan” (vs. 3-5)

The church needs:

- A. **Determination** – “as though I were present”
- B. **Discipline** – “for the destruction of the flesh”
- C. **Deliverance** – “that the spirit may be saved”

III. Exaltation – “For Christ...is sacrificed for us” (vs. 6-8)

The church has a:

- A. **Boast** – “Your glorying is not good”
- B. **Behavior** – “the leaven of malice and wickedness”
- C. **Belief** – “the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth”

Sentence Sermon:

“Believers are punished more by their sin, then for them.”
Adapted from Elbert Hubbard

Additional Verses

- *I Corinthians 11:32*
- *I Timothy 1:20*
- *Leviticus 18:8*
- *Galatians 6:1-2*
- *II Corinthians 13:1-7*
- *Matthew 18:15-17*
- *Psalms 34:2*
- *Psalms 145:1-8*
- *I Corinthians 12:26*
- *Isaiah 25:1*
- *I Corinthians 1:31*
- *Galatians 6:14*

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. Why did Paul mention that gross sin was reported commonly?
4. What is the significance of the Gentiles not tolerating this sin?
5. What do people often say when confronted about gross sin? Why?
6. Why is it alright that Paul has “judged already” in this situation?
7. Why is it necessary for the one who commits gross sin to be taken away?
8. What might it look like when Satan destroys the flesh?
9. Why does Paul remind us that Christ was our Passover sacrificed for us?
10. What does the statement about “keeping the feast” mean to the church?
11. How would you describe someone who exhibits the leaven of malice?
12. How would you describe someone who is a good example of sincerity?