

## The Crisis at Corinth – Lack of Morality

*When the World Invades the Church*

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

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### What Tolerance of Sin Cost the Church

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1. The church loses its **sensitivity** to sin (verses 1-2) Yet
  - a. There was no **shock** -
  - b. There was no **shame** -
  - c. There was no **sorrow** -
  - d. There was no sadness -
2. The church loses its ability to **discern evil** – (verses 3-5)
3. The church loses its capacity to **influence** the world (verses 6-8).
  - a. Leaven (sin) if not removed is a growing **contamination**.
  - b. Leaven (sin) if left unchecked will make the new lump look like the old lump.
  - c. Leaven (sin) if allowed to grow will rob the church of **joy**.
4. The Church loses its capability to **apply God's word**- to itself. (verses 9-13)
5. The Church **loses**
  - a. 1 Cor 3:16-17
6. Ephesians 3:21
7. Three questions:
  - a. Am I living like this because I do it by nature? **Then "I've never really been saved"**
  - b. Am I living like this because I do against my nature? **Then "I'm saved but not acting like it."**
  - c. Am I insensitive to sin because I've gotten used to it? **Then I need to repent!**