

The Necessity of Church Discipline
1 Corinthians 5:1-5
September 24, 2023

- 1. A rebuke for not excommunicating an unrepentant sinning member (1-2)**
- 2. The authority to excommunicate an unrepentant sinning member (3-4)**
- 3. A command to excommunicate an unrepentant sinning member (5a)**
- 4. The purpose of excommunicating an unrepentant sinning member (5b)**

Next week: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

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Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others:

1. What stood out to you in this sermon? Why?
2. What does it mean that God is holy, and that Christ's church is to be holy?
3. What does it mean to excommunicate a church member?
4. Where does a church's authority to excommunicate come from?
5. What does the apostle Paul mean in verse 5 by the term, "the day of the Lord"?
6. According to verse 5, what is the purpose of excommunicating an unrepentant sinning member? What does this mean?
7. Verse 5 speaks of being saved. What does it mean to be saved? Have you been saved? Explain.

Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

1. How did this sermon challenge your thinking, or grow your understanding?
2. When a member of a church is in sin and will not repent, why is it important to remove them from the church? Make a list of all the biblical reasons you can think of.
3. What responsibility does Christ give to us individually when we learn that a brother or sister is in sin? How are we to do this?
4. After a member is excommunicated, what should be the nature of any interactions we have with the person? Why?
5. What should be our hope when we excommunicate an unrepentant sinning member?
6. How would you respond to a believer who objects to the idea of excommunicating unrepentant members from a church, claiming that it would be harsh and unloving?
7. What is the primary way you should be affected by this sermon this week?