

Introduction

- I. What if a brother does not repent of his sin?
- II. The instruction of the text arose out of a concrete case in the church in Corinth.

**Peacemakers: (7)Not to Keep Company...**

I. **The Meaning**

- A. We must not keep company or have close fellowship with one in the church who continues to walk in serious, habitual, persistent sin without repenting.

- B. When clearly one is hardened in his sin and will not repent, God calls the church not to keep company with them... no, not to eat. What does this mean exactly? What is our calling?

II. **The Purpose**

- A. That the name of God is not blasphemed in the world.
- B. That the church may be protected from the cancer of sin. 1 Cor. 5:6ff.
- C. That the sinner is brought to repentance.

III. **The Encouragement** - balance these two things as we carry this out:

- A. Assuring the person of our love and that we stand ready to help them out of the way of sin.
- B. Yet, that we do not approve of their way of sin because God does not.