

Series: 1 Corinthians

## “Church Discipline: the When, the Why and the How”

(Sunday Morning March 22nd, 2026)

### Passage: 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

*Eph 1:4 “...He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love”*

There are a lot of theological debates about predestination, but one thing we can all be certain about is that it includes our God’s ultimate goal which is for every Christian to be h\_\_\_\_\_.

*Eph 5:27 “(That the Lord May)...present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.” (Emphasis Added)*

### Question # 1 = When is Church Discipline Necessary?

1) This Was a P\_\_\_\_\_Sin

*Eph 5:3 “But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints”*

2) This Was a P\_\_\_\_\_Sin

a. First, They Should Have “Mourned”, Because This Sin is O\_\_\_\_\_ to God

*Lev 18:29 “For whoever does any of these abominations, those persons who do so shall be cut off from among their people.”*

*Gen 39:9 “(Joseph Said)...How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?” (Emphasis Added)*

b. Second, They Should Have “Mourned”, Because This Sin is H\_\_\_\_\_ to Man

*John 8:34 “(Jesus Said)...everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin” (Emphasis Added)*

*Rom 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death...”*

*Prov 5:3-5 “3 For the lips of an adulteress drip honey and smoother than oil is her speech; 4 But in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. 5 Her feet go down to death, Her steps take hold of Sheol”*

3) This Was a P\_\_\_\_\_Sin

*1 Cor 6:11 “Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God”*

The problem here is that this man was living in sin; he was p\_\_\_\_\_ sin, and he was not willing to give up his sin.

### Question # 2 = Why is Church Discipline Necessary?

1) This Was a C \_\_\_\_\_ Sin

a. S \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ Requires Church Discipline

*Rev 2:20 "But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols"*

b. F \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_ Requires Church Discipline

*Rev 2:2 "...you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false"*

c. F \_\_\_\_\_ Requires Church Discipline

*Rom 16:17 "Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them."*

2) This Was a C \_\_\_\_\_ Sin

*Exod 12:19 "Seven days there shall be no leaven found in your houses; for whoever eats what is leavened, that person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is an alien or a native of the land"*

No church can afford to have a double standard; we cannot condemn homosexuality, for example, without also condemning a \_\_\_\_\_ and f \_\_\_\_\_.

### Question # 3 - How is Church Discipline to be Done?

1) With an Attitude of G \_\_\_\_\_ and H \_\_\_\_\_

*Gal 6:1 "Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted"*

2) With a Genuine D \_\_\_\_\_ for P \_\_\_\_\_

*Matt 18:15 "If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother."*

3) With a Collective W \_\_\_\_\_ of I \_\_\_\_\_

*John 17:15 "I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one"*

*John 17:18 "As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world"*

4) With a Formal A \_\_\_\_\_ of E \_\_\_\_\_

*Matt 18:18 "Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven"*

*Matt 18:20 "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."*

*2 Cor 2:6-8 (Turn and Read)*

*Prov 27:6 "Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy"*