

CALLED OUT

A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS

"A Big Mess" by Pastor Dan Stockum



¹ It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife.



² And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you.



³ For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing.



⁴ When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus,



⁵ you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.



⁶ Your boasting is not good.
Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?



⁷ Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.



⁸ Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.



⁹ I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—



¹⁰ not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.



¹¹ But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed,



or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler not even to eat with such a one.



¹² For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge?



¹³ God judges those outside. "Purge the evil person from among you."



^{6:1} When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints?



² Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases?



³ Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life!



⁴ So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the church?



⁵ I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to settle a dispute between the brothers, ⁶ but brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers?



⁷ To have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you. Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be defrauded?



⁸ But you yourselves wrong and defraud—even your own brothers! ⁹ Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?



Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality,



¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.



And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.





The mess at Corinth:

corrupt, litigious, promiscuous, and idolatrous





How to rise above it:

accountability and identity





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