

## I Corinthians 5:9-13 – Summary

A. Outline<sup>A</sup>

1. Party Spirit in the Church, chs 1-4<sup>B</sup>
2. Moral Disorders in the Church, chs 5-7 – *to be filled in as we go through this section in order to give the context of what has been written.*
  - a. Ch. 5 A Stern Rebuke; Dealing with Sin, Specific & General
    - i. 5:1-8 (Paul focusses on) Specific Immorality Addressed; Rebuking Immorality; Recognising & Dealing with Sin; Sin Defiles the Church
    - ii. 5:9-13 Purify the Church; Immorality (Sin) Requires Judgement  
Separate Yourselves from the Unworthy
  - b. Ch. 6 \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. 6:1-11 \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. 6:12-20 \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Ch. 7 \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. 7:1-9 \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. 7:10-16 \_\_\_\_\_
    - iii. 7:17-24 \_\_\_\_\_
    - iv. 7:25-40 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Social Relations in the Church, chs 8-11
4. Spiritual Gifts in the Church, chs 12-14
5. Fundamental Doctrine of the Church, ch 15
6. Conclusion of the Letter, ch 16

B. <sup>9</sup> I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people; <sup>10</sup> I [did] not at all [mean] with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters; for then you would have to go out of the world. <sup>11</sup> But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he should be an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler – not even to eat with such a one. <sup>12</sup> For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within [the church]? <sup>13</sup> But those who are outside, God judges. **‘Remove the wicked man from among yourselves’<sup>C</sup>.**

C. I Corinthians 5:9-13 – fill in the title for these verses in the section above

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<sup>C</sup> Deuteronomy 17:7, 21:21, 22:21, 24:7 –

1. V 9 – <sup>9</sup> I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people;”
  - a. Key Idea(s): **“I told you so!”; Sanctification reminder; Separation from immoral people; Reference to past letter.**
  - b. Where is that letter found in the NT? – It is not!
  - c. If a letter should be discovered that appears to be that letter, should it be added to the NT? – No. The books in the NT canon were selected by the early church as valid based on ‘first & second generation’ testimony of individuals & churches. A new discovery has no such validation and could be a ‘forgery’ inspired by Satan.
2. V 10 – <sup>10</sup> I [did] not at all [mean] with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters; for then you would have to go out of the world.
  - a. Key Idea(s): **“Don’t be hermits”; “I’m not referring to unbelievers”; Clarification of separation’s meaning - not referring to unbelievers**
  - b. If Paul’s words had been misunderstood in that fashion, what other Biblical command would not be obeyed? – **the Great Commission, Matthew 28:19-20.**
3. V 11 – <sup>11</sup> But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he should be an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler – not even to eat with such a one.
  - a. Key Idea(s): **It’s immoral Christians needing rebuke; “I’m referring to disobedient believers”; Stay away from those claiming Christ but not living it out**
  - b. In what realm were Paul’s instructions to be understood? – **the kingdom of God on earth – the visible, local church.**
  - c. What means of discipline was to be used? – **ostracisation, particularly in the matter of table and social fellowship; possibly more specifically at the Lord’s Table.(cf Jude 22f)**
4. V 12 – <sup>12</sup> For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within [the church]?
  - a. Key Idea(s): **Judge insiders, not outsiders; Judge Christians only**
  - b. What should the focus of the church body be? – **on the Name of Christ and how it is upheld by the good reputation of the church, whose people name that Name.**
5. V 13 – <sup>13</sup> But those who are outside, God judges. **‘Remove the wicked man from among yourselves’.**
  - a. Key Idea(s): **God judges outsiders; Different group, different judge**
  - b. What is the context of the OT quotation? – see footnote on previous page. – **The OT law, primarily national, how Israel was to live in the land with God as King. In these particular instances it prescribed execution for transgression of a specific law.**
  - c. **Why does that context not apply in the church?** – (1)we are citizens of the spiritual kingdom of God but also are residents & subject to secular government, to which belongs the power of the sword (Romans 13:4), not to us; (2) we are under grace, not law. So we apply the principle (removal) not the method (execution).