

***Loving the Body of Christ,
Judging those within, Witness to those without
Matthew 18:15-20, 1 Corinthians 5***

The problem of hurtful sin in the body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 5

v1 – The moral problem within the man

v2 – The mis-definition and misapplication of “love” in the local church

v3-5 – Paul applies Matthew 18

Matthew 18:15-20:

Jesus is commenting on/applying **the principle of: Deut 19:15-20**

See also John 8, the woman caught in adultery

v6-8 Let's clean house by following the pattern of Israel at the Passover

v9-10 The Amish Response: Paul does not mean for the church to unplug from sinners in the world!

v11-Unplug from sinners in the church!

V12 – the turnabout!

V13 – Let God be God, and the church be humble.

Mitigating factors to keeping long-term close or intimate company with anyone, particularly unbelievers

- 1 Cor 15:33
- Prov 13:20
- 22:24-25

The way of handling **most** sin and error in the church

- With humility, not gossip
- 1 Peter 4:7-8
- Galatians 6:1-2
- 2 Tim 3:16

Conclusion of the matter: Romans 13:8-14