

Does the Bible Say That?

I Corinthians 5:1-5

The Issue: I Corinthians 1:5 – “deliver this man to Satan”

Questions & Definitions

1. Describe the situation in the church at Corinth that prompted this message from Paul.
2. Define these terms in v. 5:
 - “deliver” (*paradounai*, #3860)
 - “Satan” (*Satanas*, #4567)
 - “destruction” (*olethros*, #3639)
 - “flesh” (*sarx*, #4561)
 - “spirit” (*pneuma*, #4151)
 - “saved” (*sōthē*, #4982)
 - “day of the Lord”
3. What is Paul telling the Corinthians to do?
 - What role might their “arrogance” have played in Paul’s harsh instruction?
 - Is the instruction to “deliver this man to Satan” literal? If not, what?
4. What is the purpose for this “deliverance”?
5. What is the significance of Paul’s instruction about this being done when they assemble?
6. What role might their “arrogance” have played in Paul’s harsh instruction?

Application

- How do we practice this today (or do we)?
- What sins, besides immorality, subject a member of the body to “church discipline”?
Matthew 18:15-17; Romans 16:17-18; II Thessalonians 3:6-15; I Tim. 6:3-5; Titus 3:10; II John 9-11

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.