

1. When Jesus spoke of false teachers that we would know by their fruits, He spoke of those who would prophecy, and do works, in His name. These false prophets claimed to be Christians, but Jesus rejected them as workers of lawlessness. The fruit of these false teachers was immorality.
2. There must be no possibility of sexual immorality even being named among those in the Church. This means that there should not even be a suggestion of it in the fellowship. This applies even more seriously for teachers in the Church. No Christian teacher must ever be justifiably accused of even being associated with sexual immorality of any kind.
3. Everyone who is sexually immoral has no inheritance in Christ. This includes people who identify themselves as homosexual, practice sexuality outside marriage, commit acts of adultery, or any other sexual sin in an unrepentant manner. The Word of God teaches that they are not Christians and must not be accepted as such.
4. There are some false teachers who would deceive Christians with their empty words of false teaching. Anyone who is sexually immoral will face the wrath of God in Hell. These false teachers who deceive make a partnership with these sexually immoral people and directly contradict the teaching of Jesus and the Apostles.
5. Christians must not take part in these works of darkness. Instead, we must expose them for what they are, shameful acts that are done against the teaching of the Word of God.
6. Reports had come that the church in Corinth was tolerating immorality at a level that unbelievers would not tolerate. A man was committing sexual immorality with his father's wife. Instead of mourning this terrible sin, false teachers were arrogantly choosing not to remove this sexually immoral person from the fellowship.
7. Although Paul was not physically present to deal with this situation, his responsibility as a spiritual leader was to remove the sexually immoral person who was not a believer from the fellowship. This should be done in the hope that they will repent and be saved.
8. Paul was not simply concerned for the welfare of the sexually immoral man. There was a false teaching being spread within the church. It would spread throughout the church and lead people away from the Gospel. The analogy here with the Corinthian false teachers was the same as in Galatia. By allowing someone to remain in the fellowship who practiced sexual immorality the leaven of a false gospel would spread.
9. Paul taught that Christ, the Passover lamb, would cleanse the leaven of sexual immorality from His Church. As God's judgment had fallen on Egypt while the people of Israel had been saved by the blood of the lamb, so the Christians in Corinth would be kept safe through the work of Christ. The bread of the Israelites had been kept unleavened, so the Church must be kept from the leaven of sexual immorality.
10. Paul made a distinction between the people of the world who needed the Gospel message and false Christians who practiced sexual immorality. If the Church avoided all sexually immoral people, then they could not associate with the world to spread the Gospel. But those who claimed to be Christians, yet practiced sexual immorality, needed to be removed from the fellowship.
11. Paul's concern was not just for one disobedient man. Anyone who practices sexual immorality, claiming they are a Christian, is not to be associated with. We are not to even eat with them. False teachers who partner with the sexually immoral must not be accepted. If sexual immorality is even named in the Church, then the Gospel is compromised.
12. The judgment of those outside the Church is up to God. But the Church must judge anyone who compromises the Word of God. True Christians do not practice sexual immorality or approve of it in the Church. Paul instructed that anyone who taught or practiced this great evil within the fellowship of the Church must be purged from it.

Application

1. The false teachers in Corinth were teaching that Christians should approve of and accept as Christians those who practiced sexual immorality. This teaching directly contradicts the teaching of Jesus and the Apostles. Even allowing one person into the fellowship of the Church who practices sexual immorality results in a different gospel, which cannot save. Do not believe the message of Christian immorality.
2. There are many teachers even today who either practice sexual immorality themselves or teach that sexual immorality is an acceptable practice for a Christian. Do not just simply reject their message, but also protect yourself, your family, your friends, your church, and others by not having anything to do with these false teachers. Avoid them!

²⁰ Woe [judgment] to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!

Matthew 7:15-20

¹⁵ "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

Matthew 7:21-23

²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³ And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

Ephesians 5:3-12

³ But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴ Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵ For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret.

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

⁵ 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."

Romans 16:17

¹⁷ I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them