

## Things Under the Rug – Sexual Immorality & Church Discipline (I Corinthians 5)

**Note: 所有的藍色部分為給小組長的資料，不一定需要使用**

背景：可參考林前第一章的檔案。哥林多是一個道德低落、醉酒荒淫、注重娛樂、充滿特種行業的城市，因此，許多在信主前的不好的習慣，也很容易在信主後帶進教會，教會因此在道德上，很容易受到世界的影響。

1. 保羅寫給哥林多教會的信中，講到教會在社區中、在教會外的人眼中，沒有做到好的榜樣 (v.1-2)。有哪些事情是現今的教會，在教會外的人眼中，可能也沒有做好榜樣的？

Sex related: Pre-marital sex, 同居, One night stand, 吃女生豆腐

Immorality 原來的意思的確是 sexual, but application for us today 不一定是 sexual immorality:

Drinking problem & getting drunk? Cussing bad language

Stealing company stuff Ignore copy right 盜版 CD/ DVD

2. 關於聖經中對“sexual immorality”的看法。閱讀 Deuteronomy 申命記 22:20-22 以及哥林多前書 6:18. 上帝不喜悅的 sexual immorality 包括\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.

Sexual immorality = Sexual Relationship NOT in a marriage:

Adultery (outside of a marriage) & Pre-marital sex (before a marriage)

當然申命記講到的觀念，的確好像比較針對女性（尤其因男生的貞潔不容易證明），但我們知道，不論男女，上帝對於婚前與婚外的性行為都是不喜悅的，只是在需要法律證據的情況下，男性的貞潔必須要「捉姦在床」（申命記 22:22）

懲罰：用石頭打死，這部分是與當時文化背景相關的 (cultural), 在時空背景不同後，我們不許用同樣的方法處罰，但上帝不喜悅這行為的道理，是從古到今不變的 (universal)

3. 繼續閱讀林前 5:3-5, 5:9-13 以及馬太 18:15-20. 這裡講到當教會的信徒犯**嚴重的罪**（如姦淫罪）時，教會該如何處理/紀律？有哪4個步驟？你同意嗎？為什麼？

**嚴重的罪，包括：** Someone who continues to sin in:

- 1) Sexual immorality (Immoral) – physical sin against body (against your own body)
  - 2) Covetous – material sin against other ppl (exploit other ppl), purposely taking advantage on others
  - 3) Idolater – worship other gods, religious sin against God (use something to replace god)
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Church Discipline Steps:

Step 1: Talk to him/her alone

Step 2: Talk to him/her with 1-2 other witnesses

(witnesses = that person already know.

If only you know, then find your SGL, the offender's SGL, or a person that the “offender” would trust – it should not be like you try to bring your best friend to fight with you, or someone who doesn't like him/her, 然後趁機結黨、批評)

Step 3: Let the church Elder/Pastor talk to him/her

Step 4: Excommunication —請他離開教會 (看作教外人和稅吏吧)—這是最後不得已的步驟

但這一切 should only go on if he/she does not show remorse, repentance, and does not even change a bit: Church is not asking for perfection, but asking for the desire for it!

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Do not gossip! 這不是你用來饒舌傳言的時候。  
你告訴別人的用意是什麼? 自己要注意、反省

在哥林多後書 2:6-11

一般學者相信這裡講的這個人，就是林前 5 章的同一個人。

不管是否為同一個人，我們知道，教會紀律的原則，是為了要挽回這個人，不是要折磨對付人

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v. 5 turn to Satan 交給撒旦，其實和馬太說的「看為外邦人」是用樣的意思，就是 excommunication – ask him/her to leave the church, 並不是交給撒旦去折磨他，而是允許撒旦來繼續試探他的身體 and continue to sin

he/she does not loose salvation, but then loose protection from church – let him/her do whatever he/she wants to continue in sin (Put them out of the church, put them in Satan's world for their body physically to suffer)

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v.4 講到「奉主的名」

4 就是當你們奉我們主耶穌的名聚集在一起，我的靈在那裡，我們主耶穌的權能也同在的時候，5 要把這樣的人交給撒但，敗壞他的身體，使他的靈魂在主的日子可以得救。

4 In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and I with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus, 5 *I have decided* to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

跟馬太 18:20 用的是同樣的詞，It means this is consistent with what Jesus our Lord would want in the Church

**Matthew 馬太福音 18 章：18** “我實在告訴你們，你們在地上捆綁的，在天上也被捆綁；你們在地上釋放的，在天上也被釋放。19 我又告訴你們，你們當中若有兩個人，在地上同心為甚麼事祈求，我在天上的父必為他們成全。20 因為無論在哪裡，有兩三個人奉我的名聚會，我就在他們中間。” 18 Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven. 19 “Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. 20 For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.”

So the passage is saying: Do not worry, be brave in discipline, because Jesus would have agreed if the church decides to take the right action in Church discipline.

When you have 3 ppl making this decision together in terms of church discipline, the LORD would agree 但是要真的有錯，不是 2-3 人不喜歡一個人

不管如何，Matthew 18:20, is NOT about prayer meeting, 或是禱告會人少的時候

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It is 2 different standards – for Christians vs non-Christians

God has higher standard for his people

If someone is not a Christian, the discipline does not apply to him/her because he does not know God's standard.

For people who are not Christians, and we know they continue to sin:

It is NOT no-contact, but it's no-conformity!!

We don't do the same thing, but we are still friends w/ them (cuz they don't believe in God yet, they have no obligation to follow God's standard)

4. 為什麼教會需要有正確的紀律步驟 (v.6-8)? 這樣會不會太狠了呢?

The reason: Preservation of holiness

Church can become corrupted if it IS tolerant of sin, esp. sexual immorality on the inside

Then everyone will be like – church is full of hypocrites, I don't want to go.

Also if no one gets discipline, then people will think it's ok, and others may follow.

If we're not a holy church, we don't have much to say to the world.

Separation : leaven 酵

Passover的故事： not even a single bit of leaven inside the house

Exodus 出埃及記 12:15

你們要吃無酵餅七天；可是第一天就要把酵從你們的家中除去；因為從第一日起直到第七日，凡吃有酵之物的，那人必從以色列中被除滅。 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, but on the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses; for whoever eats anything leavened from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.

When those Israelites were to leave, it says they were take only unleavened bread.

Not only that, they were to look throughout their entire house, and they were to find every little bit of leaven left and get rid of it. They were not permitted to carry one little ball of leftover dough outside of that land of Egypt.

why? Because God didn't want any remnant of Egyptian life carried into the new liberty that the children of Israel were going to have!

So WE also need to examine ourselves everyday Before going to bed – do we carry any leaven (sin) onto our next day of life?

5. 思考/反省 (share only at your comfort level)：有什麼是我得罪上帝，上帝所不喜悅的思想/行為，是我需要改變的？在知道教會中的信徒經常性的在做上帝所不喜悅的事時，我以前的處理好嗎？我應該如何處理？有任何進步的空間嗎？

在不是嚴重的罪上，而只是我與人不合/對他有意見時，是否也能有同樣的應用原則？

If you have problem with a brother/sister, follow the 1<sup>st</sup> two steps:

Step 1: Talk to him/her alone

Step 2: Talk to him/her with 1-2 other people