



THE PROBLEM OF SIN WITHIN THE CHURCH – PART 2
I CORN. 5:6-13; MATT. 7:1-5; JAMES 5:19-20 (NLT)

THE PROBLEM

1 Corinthians 5:6-8 (NLT)

- ⁶ Your boasting about this is terrible. Don't you realize that this sin is like a little yeast that spreads through the whole batch of dough?
- ⁷ Get rid of the old "yeast" by removing this wicked person from among you. Then you will be like a fresh batch of dough made without yeast, which is what you really are. Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us.
- ⁸ So let us celebrate the festival, not with the old bread of wickedness and evil, but with the new bread of **sincerity** and truth.



sincerity, *eilikrineia*; Strong's #1505:

Literally “judged by sunlight.” The word alludes to Oriental bazaars where pottery was displayed in dimly lit rooms. Unscrupulous merchants would patch cracked pottery or cover defects with wax. Intelligent buyers would hold up the pottery to the sun and judge its quality by the sunlight.

Eilikrineia is transparent honesty, genuine purity, manifested clarity, and unsullied innocence. It describes one who does not fear thorough examination of his motives and intents, because he has nothing to hide.

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1 Corinthians 5:9-11 (NLT)

- 9** When I wrote to you before, I told you not to associate with people who indulge in sexual sin.
- 10** But I wasn't talking about unbelievers who indulge in sexual sin, or are greedy, or cheat people, or worship idols. You would have to leave this world to avoid people like that.
- 11** I meant that you are not to associate with anyone who claims to be a believer yet indulges in sexual sin, or is greedy, or worships idols, or is abusive, or is a drunkard, or cheats people. Don't even eat with such people.



1 Corinthians 5:12-13 (NLT)

¹² It isn't my responsibility to judge outsiders, but it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning.

¹³ **God will judge those on the outside; but as the Scriptures* say, "You must remove the evil person from among you."**

*** Deut. 13:5; 17:7,12; 19:19; 21:21; 22:21,24; 24:7**



THE PROCESS

Matthew 7:1-5 (NLT)

- 1 “Do not judge others, and you will not be judged.
- 2 For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged.
- 3 “And why worry about a speck in your friend’s eye when you have a log in your own?
- 4 How can you think of saying to your friend, ‘Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,’ when you can’t see past the log in your own eye?
- 5 Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend’s eye.



THE PAYOFF

James 5:19-20 (NLT)

- ¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back,
- ²⁰ you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins.



WHAT HAS THE CHURCH GAINED IF IT IS POPULAR
BUT THERE IS NO CONVICTION, NO REPENTANCE,
NO POWER?

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