

Touchy Subjects

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Question: When reading through 1 Corinthians and the subjects that are covered, what is your initial reaction?

The Bible is the written revelation of God's character and saving purpose for humanity and for all creation.

As God's revelation, the entire Bible is true and trustworthy, and is the final and absolute authority for belief and conduct.

The **big question** that this letter to the church in Corinth addresses is "What does it mean to follow Jesus and be the church?" The **big problem** with the church is that they looked more like Corinth than they looked like Jesus.

Read 1 Corinthians 5:1-8

The question coming out of Chapter 4 is "Who is the authority in your life? Is Jesus?"

Read John 8:31-32

Questions: When have you heard this verse quoted that was more about "my truth"? What "truth" is it really talking about?

The severe response that Paul is instructing is because of:

- The severity of the issue.

Question: What is the difference between dealing with this type of sin and the sin that we all wrestle with?

Jesus is working in me.

My job is to cooperate.

- The purpose was redemptive.

Read Colossians 1:13-14

Question: How would throwing this guy out of the church possibly work in a redemptive way in his life?

Question: What point is being made with bringing in the symbol of yeast?

Read Galatians 6:1

Question: What does it look like in your life for you to take sin seriously?

**We tend to think that if we change, God will love us.
But if we let God love us, we will change.**

Ken Shigematsu

