

Caring Confrontation of those Claiming to be Christians

1Corinthians 5; Matt 18:15-17; Gal 6:1

Part 2 – Attitudes and Actions to Cultivate

Introduction:

- A. Review of last week's message on attitudes and actions to avoid when confronting those claiming to be Christians who are in unrepentant sin.
 1. B_____ – overlooking sin
 2. B_____ – talking over sin
 3. B_____ - rejecting the offender
- B. Today we will look at three attitudes and actions to cultivate when a fellow believer's sin comes to our attention.

Intense sorrow over the effect of sin (1 Cor 5:2,6-8)

- A. Sin defined (Rom 3:23)
 1. The Greek noun literally means “no mark” and the Greek verb means to “m_____ the mark.
 2. What is the mark that God wants us to hit? – the g_____ of God, which does not mean a state of perfection but an act that reflects Him in our lives.
 3. Jesus gave two principles to follow that will always result in reflecting God in our lives (Matt 22:37-40)
 - a. Love the Lord your God with all your h_____, soul, mind, and strength
 - b. Love your n_____ (those around you) as yourself.
- B. Many are confused as to what sin is:
 1. In Paul's day, many Christians who came out of a pagan background believed that eating m_____ from the market place that had been sacrificed to idols was sinful (see Rom 14:1-3; 1Cor 8:4-8)
 2. Today many Christians may have a list of “sins” that are not in the _____ (e.g. no card playing, no dancing, no going to theaters, no alcohol, etc.)
 - a. They may reason that these are sins because of what it may l_____ to (e.g. playing cards may lead to gambling addiction or alcohol may lead to drunkenness)
 - b. This is the same reasoning the Pharisees had about the hundreds of Sabbath Day rules, but Jesus corrected this error (see Lk 6:7-11).
 3. Don't single out man-made rules as sin.

- C. We should s_____ over a fellow-believer in unrepentant sin because of the negative impact sin has.
1. Sin blocks f_____ with Jesus (Rev 3:19,20)
 2. Sin blocks fellowship with one another
 - a. We are a f_____ (Eph 2:19)
 - b. We are a b_____ (Rom 12:5)
 - c. We are a f_____ (Jn 10:16)
 3. Sin hurts the w_____ of the person in sin if that sin becomes known to the non-Christian world.

Active concern for the one in sin (Matt 18:15-17)

- A. First step – p_____ confrontation (v. 15)
1. The purpose – to w_____ the offender back.
 2. Try to create the best possible atmosphere for the offender to respond by l_____ and hopefully repenting.
- B. Second step (if the first step is unsuccessful) – small g_____ confrontation (v. 16)
1. Those who come along should be spiritually m_____ (often includes the pastor).
 2. The purpose – to c_____ all the facts and to win the offender back.
- C. Third step (if second step is unsuccessful) - confrontation from e_____ in the church (v. 17a)
1. The purpose – to w_____ the offender back
 2. The method – bombard the offender with love and care!
 3. Give the offender t_____ to repent (see Rev 2:21)
- D. Fourth Step (if the third step is unsuccessful) – treat the person like a Gentile and a t_____ collector
1. The Jews viewed Gentiles and tax collectors as o_____ the people of God.
 2. Jesus was saying to view the offender as an un_____.
 3. Paul states that believers are not to associate with professing believers who persist in immoral lifestyles, not even to e_____ with them (1 Cor 5:11)

Faith in God’s word

- A. Jesus is much w_____ than anyone that has walked this earth and He is called the wisdom from God (1 Cor 1:30)
1. Do not pick and c_____ what to obey in God’s word
 2. T_____ that God’s word is best.
- B. One case in LBC history and its effect