

1 Corinthians 13 – 4:20-5:5

A Powerful Judgment

1. 4:18-21 – Paul Ready (and able) to Rebuke

- a. After putting the babes in their doctrinal place, Paul is ready to rebuke.
- b. Rebuking is something that had to be done – 2 Tim 4:2, 1 Tim 5:20
- c. “Being puffed up” was a problem that had to be dealt with – 1 Tim 4:1-5, 6:3-5
- d. “kingdom of God” don’t be thrown – Col 1:13, 16, 1 Thess 2:12, 2 Tim 4:18
- e. Paul is talking about the spiritual dominion of God – Rom 14:17, Eph 6:12
- f. The gospel is the power of God to change us – Rom 1:16, 1 Thess 1:5, 2 Tim 3:5
- g. Paul also uses power (authority) given to him by Christ – 1 Cor 3:10, 4:17
- h. Their options: He could come in heaviness or with meekness – 2 Cor 2:1, Gal 6:1

2. 5:1-2 – Reports of Glorifying in Sin

- a. Bad behavior is a symptom of a doctrinal problem: Rom 6:16, Eph 5:3, 6-8
- b. The Corinthians had corrupted doctrine = corrupt behavior – 1 Cor 15:33
- c. Grace doctrine does not ignore sin; it detests it – Eph 5:9-13, Titus 2:11-12
- d. Fornication *def.* Unlawful sexual behavior between unmarried people.
- e. “have his father’s wife”: Incest was unlawful - Deut 22:30, 27:20, Lev 20:11
 - i. Were they under the law? Answer: No. – Rom 6:14, 7:3-4
 - ii. They felt self-justified as they gloried in their sins: Rom 1:28, 2:14
 - iii. They should have mourned and removed him – Eph 4:17-19, 2Tim 2:16

3. 5:3-4 – Paul’s Judgment

- a. They were puffed up babes that could not discern good and evil - Heb 5:13-14
- b. Paul has a judgment as an elder, one spiritual, and their apostle – 1 Cor 2:15, 5:12
- c. Paul instructed them by his authority to inflict this punishment – 2 Cor 2:6

4. 5:5 – Deliver Him unto Satan

- a. “Deliver such an one to Satan” – this is defined in 5:2, 9, 11, 13 as removing them.
- b. Satan’s work is adversarial – 1 Tim 5:14-15, 1Thess 2:18, 2 Cor 11:13-15, 12:7
- c. “destruction” which is natural for servants of sin: Rom 6:16, 21, Phil 3:19, Gal 6:8
- d. This is not a flesh war: our weapons are not carnal (nor the Devil’s) – 2 Cor 10:3-5
- e. It is edifying to the body not vengeful: 1Tim 1:20, Titus 3:10-11, 2Thess 3:10-15
- f. “spirit may be saved”: this is a saved person, but a shameful brother 1 Cor 3:15
- g. Satan is the God of this world – let him go out to the world, and not among us.