



# Tolerance & Toxicity

Church Matters - You Matter #7

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

**Church Discipline is important because the Church matters because You matter Because Jesus matters.**

## I. The Trespassing Man

- A. What was the problem?
- B. Kick him out? What about love & grace?

## II. The Passive Church

- A. What was the bigger problem?
- B. Removal? How would this judgment make the church better? And what are the limits to such judging?

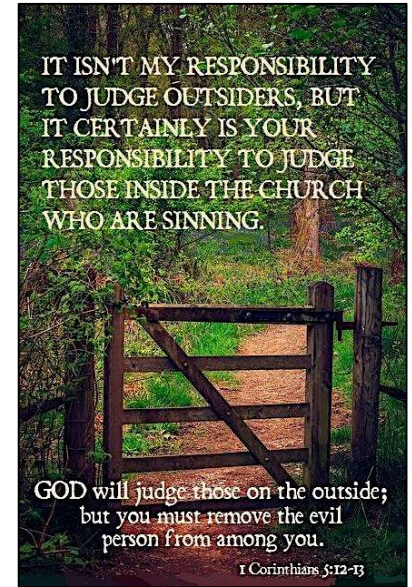
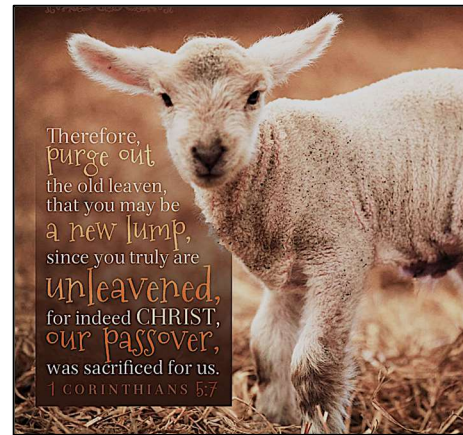
## III. The Passover Lamb

- A. What is the real remedy for our common sin problem? Did Jesus die so we could keep on sinning without consequence or to rescue us from sin and make us new?
- B. How does the Passover concern about leaven inform our wise concern for church discipline rightly administered?
- C. What was the Trespassing Man actually missing that put him in grave danger (Saying “I Pass” to good rules or to the Passover Lamb?)

Additional Notes:

*This consigning to Satan means putting him outside the sphere of God’s protection within the church, and leaving him exposed to the satanic forces of evil in hope that the experience would cause him to repent and return to the fellowship of the church...*

*Paul calls attention to the unstoppable, spreading, disastrous influence on the nature and identity of the whole community which is out of all proportion to what those who were self-satisfied evidently imagined could spring from a “little” case of one immoral relationship, even if one of an utterly outrageous nature.*



*“Purity” is not simply a matter of social identity and boundaries, but of reflecting a theological identity as the temple of the Holy Spirit.*  
- A. C. Thiselton, The First Epistle to the Corinthians, pp.397, 402 & 403

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