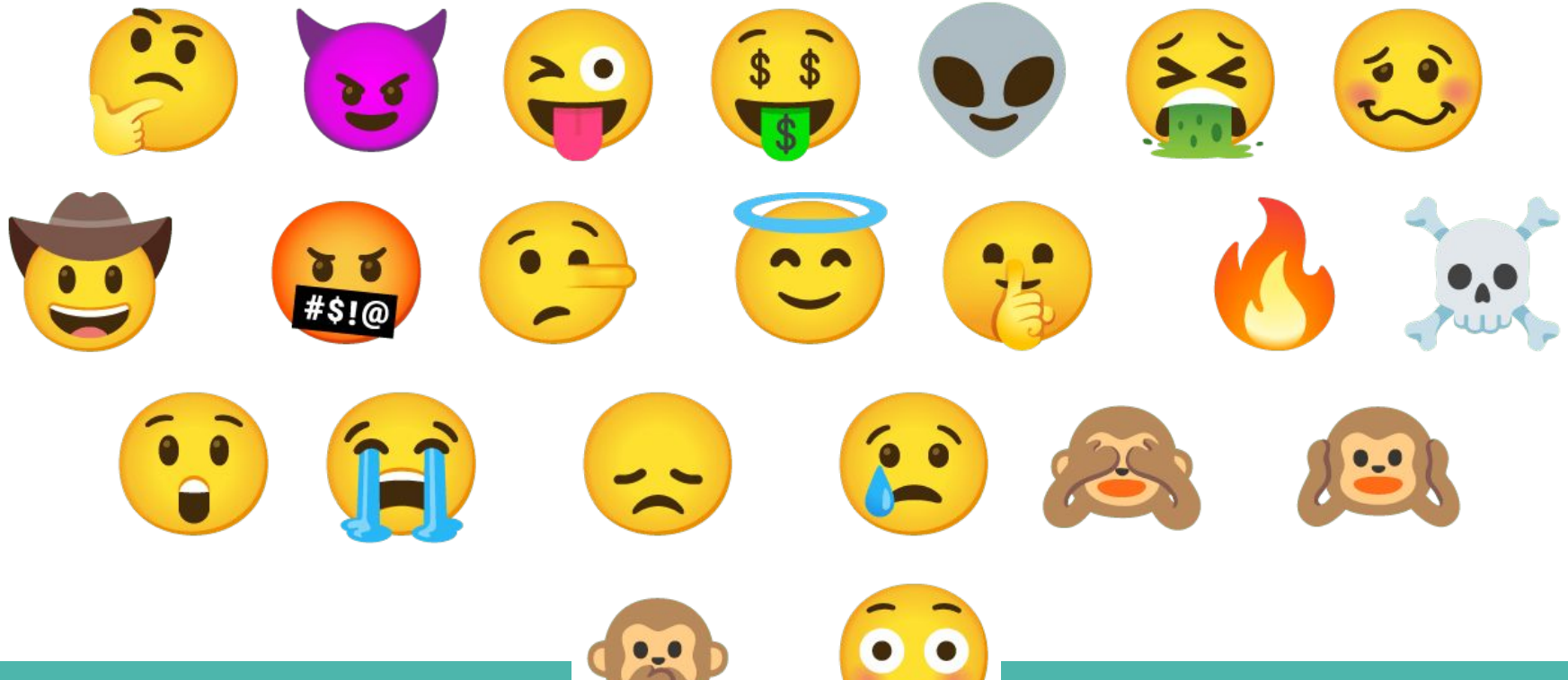


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Troubles in Corinth - 1 Corinthians 5



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Overview: Chain of events leading to the letter:

- Paul visits the city in 49 - 50 AD (meets Aquila and Priscilla)
- Corinthian church planted, circa 52 AD (Acts 18:1-11)
- Paul leaves for missionary work in Ephesus (Apollos met)
- Apollos visits Archaia (Corinth), leaves and meets Paul
- Paul's lost first letter to the Corinthians (letter A)
- Corinthian reply letter to Paul, and oral reports (1Cor 1:11)
- 1 Corinthians written circa 54 - 56 AD and sent w. Timothy

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Chapter I - Paul's introduction:

- Be mindful to be thankful of your salvation
- Be mindful of man-centred faith
- Be mindful of missing the power of the cross
- Be mindful of boasting about the wrong things



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Chapter II - The work of God's Spirit

- Understand the nature of conflict in a church
- Focus on the common ground items of our faith:
 - The cross of Christ
 - God's wisdom through the Holy Spirit



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Chapter III - How to build a church incorrectly:

- Run before you can walk
- Build cheap and fast
- Destroy church unity



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Chapter IV : Why is the church failing?

- Boasting, pride, judgemental attitudes

Corrections:

- The church and its leaders are in service to God
- The nature of true apostleship - Paul as a father
- The church needed an example to follow



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Chapter V - Corrective behaviour:

- I. **Keep the Church of Christ Holy**
- II. Resist the destructive power of sin
- III. Make the correct judgement



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1 Corinthians 5:

1 It is actually reported 😲 that there is sexual immorality 😜 among you, and of a kind that even pagans do not tolerate: A man 😈 is sleeping with his father's wife 😳.

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1 Corinthians 5:

2 And you are proud! 😮 Shouldn't you rather 🤔 have gone into mourning 😭 😞 😓 and have put out of your fellowship the man 😈 who has been doing this?



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1 Corinthians 5:

3 For my part, even though I am not physically present, I am with you in spirit. As one who is present with you in this way, I have already passed judgment  in the name of our Lord Jesus on the one  who has been doing this.

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1 Corinthians 5:

4 So when you are assembled and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present, 5 hand this man  over to Satan for the destruction  of the flesh , so that his spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord.

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I. Keep the Church of Christ Holy

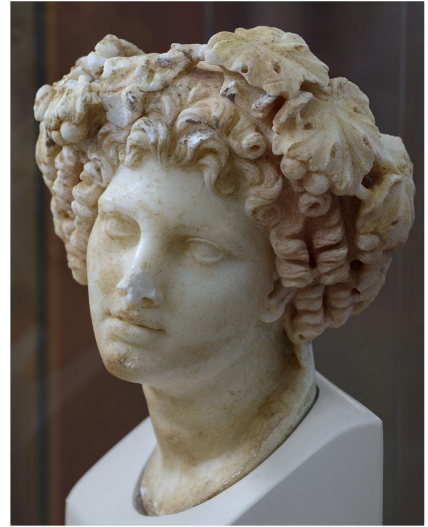
- A shocking state of affairs!
- Taking pride in the wrong things
- Being led astray in their thinking
- Beware: a wolf in sheep's clothing
- Desire God and His holiness
- **1 Peter 1:13-16** - Be holy because God is holy



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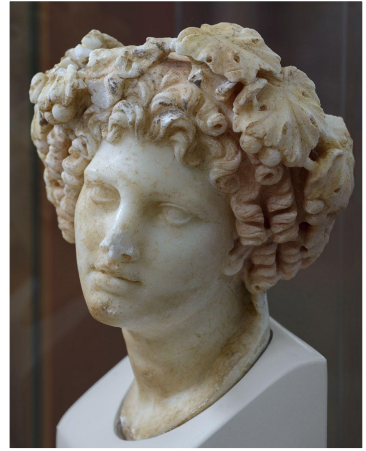
6 Your boasting is not good 🤔. Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? **7** Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

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1 Corinthians 5:

8 Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice  and wickedness , but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth .

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II. Resist the destructive power of sin

- Gangrene rotting the body / church
- The 'do nothing' scenario leads to natural decay
- Sin's impact can be felt and seen everywhere
- The church should be a light in place of darkness
- Repentance is the only answer

Matthew 18:6-20 Church discipline

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1 Corinthians 5:

9 I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people 🤪—**10** not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral 🤪, or the greedy 💰 and swindlers 🤠, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world 👽.

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1 Corinthians 5:

11 But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but is sexually immoral  or greedy , an idolater  or slanderer , a drunkard  or swindler . Do not even eat with such people.

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1 Corinthians 5:

12 What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? 🤔 **13** God will judge those outside. “Expel the wicked person 😈 from among you.”

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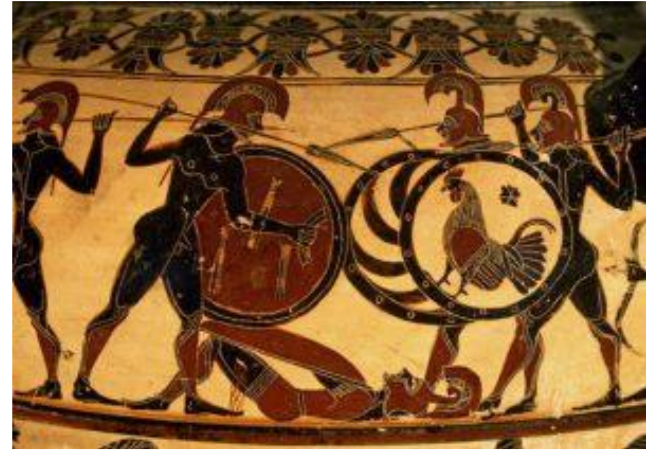
III. Make the correct judgement

- Discernment is needed both inside and outside of the church
- **1 Corinthians 15:33** - Bad company



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Conclusion:



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- II. Resist the destructive power of sin
- III. Make the correct judgement