

I Corinthians 5:9-13

Sex in the City

- Has America gone to the dogs? Homosexual activists, Pornography, Sexual promiscuity, Broken families, Abortion, Media sleaze, Violence, etc.
- How should the Christian community respond to an immoral secular culture?
Avoid defilement through any contact with it.
Take a public stand against it.
Organize political power to change it.
Preach sermons against it.

A. The Christian and the immoral condition of the world. I Cor.5:9-13

“⁹ I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people; ¹⁰ I {did} not at all {mean} with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters; for then you would have to go out of the world. ¹¹ But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he should be an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler-- not even to eat with such a one. ¹² For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within {the church}?¹³ But those who are outside, God judges. *Remove the wicked man from among yourselves.*”

1. We cannot and should not shun sinners in the world.

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2. We should separate from those who claim to be Christians and have no moral discipline.

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3. The sphere of our responsibility to correct others is limited.

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B. I Corinthians 10:25-32

“²⁵ Eat anything that is sold in the meat market, without asking questions for conscience' sake; ²⁶ *for the earth is the Lord's, and all it contains.* ²⁷ If one of the unbelievers invites you, and you wish to go, eat anything that is set before you, without asking questions for conscience' sake. ²⁸ But if anyone should say to you, "This is meat sacrificed to idols," do not eat {it,} for the sake of the one who informed {you,} and for conscience' sake; ²⁹ I mean not your own conscience, but the other {man's}; for why is my freedom judged by another's conscience? . . . ³² Give no offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God; ³³ just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the {profit} of the many, that they may be saved.”

C. The Point of this text

**Christians are not to fear or judge secular culture
so much as transform it through the spread of the Gospel**

and the example of a morally disciplined church.

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