

IMMORALITY IN THE CHURCH

I Corinthians 4:18-5:13

“[We] cherish privacy and freedom to the extent that the very idea of being held accountable by others is considered inappropriate, antiquated, and rigid.”

George Barna

WHAT? SEE IMMORALITY FOR WHAT IT
IS.

*“But sexual immorality and all impurity or
covetousness must not even be named among you,
as is proper among saints.”*

Ephesians 5:3

HOW? DELIVER HIM TO SATAN – FOR SALVATION

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.” (Matthew 18:15–17)

BY “FLESH” PAUL MEANS SINFUL
PASSIONS

*“For while we were living **in the flesh**, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death.”*

(Romans 7:5)

*“And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified **the flesh** with its passions and desires.”*

(Galatians 5:24)

WHY? REMOVE THE SIN OR IT WILL GROW

*“Do you not know that a little leaven leavens
the whole lump?”*

WHO? THE CHURCH SHOULD ONLY
SEPARATE FROM DISOBEDIENT BELIEVERS

“But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one.”

1 Corinthians 5:11

THE GOSPEL CHANGES EVERYTHING

For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.