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**When Sin Goes Unchecked**

1 Corinthians 5

**Key Truth:** All disciples are called to actively participate in the ministries, governance, and accountability of the local church.

**When Unity Goes Too Far:**

1. We should never overlook sin to keep the peace.

2. Friendships nor ministries should never come before our

allegiance to Jesus Christ.

**What In The World Is Really Going On:**

1. A sad situation and even sick response.

A. The church should never tolerate outright sinful behavior

from its members.

2. There is a time to judge and a time to pray.

3. Unrepentant sin is a danger to the health and well-being of

the Church.

4. Church discipline is for repentance and restoration.

A. Church discipline should be equal to the scope of the

relationship.

**How To Live It Out:**

1. Don’t expect non-Christians to act like Christians.

A. Stop judging non-Christians and start loving them.

2. Expect Christians to live like Jesus Christ.

A. Sometimes tough love is required.

3. We are to infiltrate our culture with the gospel not isolate

ourselves from sinners.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank God for the gift of the local church. Take an active role in the life of Beyond the Walls Church. Be accountable to each other in love and protect the body from false doctrine and error.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

What has been your experience with Church discipline? Was it done well? Why or why not?

Read Matthew 18:15-17: Why did Jesus tell his followers to take “one or two others” along if a brother or sister in Christ will “not listen” when you confront them about sin (v. 16)?

1 Corinthians 5:6-7: If we fail to hold church members accountable for their actions, what do we risk happening in our church? What does it say to the outside world?

Read Galatians 6:7-10: Some Christians think that sin is not that big of a deal because we are already forgiven. How does Galatians 6:7-10 help us stay away from this kind of bad theology?

Sin is a big deal. That’s why the Bible gives us a number of guidelines for dealing with sin in our own lives and in the lives of those around us. Read the following verses and identify when we’re supposed to get involved in the lives of others and the manner in which we are to do so.

Matthew 18:15

Matthew 5:23-24

Galatians 6:1-5

Looking back at these verses, which one is potentially most helpful in regards to our motives and actions when dealing with our own sin and sin in others?