1 Corinthians 5 Christ: Our Holiness, Our Protection, and Our Passover Lamb

1. Christ: Our Holiness

"It is because of him that you are in <u>Christ Jesus</u>, who has become for us wisdom from God—that <u>is</u>, <u>our</u> righteousness, <u>holiness</u> and redemption." 1 Corinthians 1:30 NIV

"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. 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? 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. 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."

1 Corinthians 5:1-5 NIV

"Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to <u>be holy</u>; <u>without holiness no one will see the Lord</u>." Hebrews 12:14 NIV

Why should we be holy?

a. Because God is holy.

"I am the LORD your God; consecrate yourselves and <u>be holy, because</u> <u>I am holy</u>. Do not make yourselves unclean by any creature that moves along the ground. I am the LORD, who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore <u>be holy, because I am holy</u>." Leviticus 11:44-45 NIV

"But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy." 1 Peter 1:15-16 NIV

b. Because we are made in God's image.

"So <u>God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he</u> <u>created them</u>; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:27

For <u>we are God's handiwork</u>, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10 NIV

c. Because We are God's witnesses.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 NIV

d. Because we are God's ambassadors.

"<u>We are therefore Christ's ambassadors</u>, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God." 2 Corinthians 5:20 NIV

2. Christ: Our Protection

"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. 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. 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." 1 Corinthians 5:9-13 NIV

"Holy Father, <u>protect them by the power of your name</u>, the name you gave me, <u>so that they may be one as we are one</u>. 12 While I was with them, <u>I protected them</u> and kept them safe by that name you gave me... 15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you <u>protect them from the evil one</u>." John 17:11b-12, 15 NIV

3. Christ: Our Passover Lamb

"Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? ⁷ <u>Get rid of the old yeast</u>, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For <u>Christ, our Passover</u> <u>lamb, has been sacrificed</u>. 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." 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 NIV

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