

# The Growth of the Church

“The Problem of SIN in the Church”



**SOUND**  
Doctrinally  
**CLEAN**  
Morally  
**DILIGENT**  
In Service

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\* **Sin in the church**

\* **Romans 6:17-23**

\* **Church has an obligation to the world**

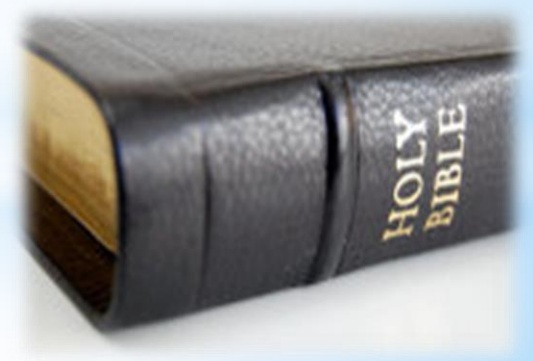
\* **1 Corinthians 5:9-13**



The obligation of the church is to save the world by preaching the gospel to it

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- \* **Sin is not in harmony in the church**
  - \* Founder and head is sinless
    - \* **Hebrews 4:15**
  - \* Church has an obligation to purge sin
    - \* **Titus 2:11-14**
- \* Sin is unbecoming in the church
  - \* **Acts 2:42-47**



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\* **Sin is not in harmony in the church**

\* Christians are said to be:

\* **Dead to sin** – Rom 6:1-4

\* **New creatures** – 2 Cor 5:17

\* **Washed, sanctified, justified** – 1 Cor 6:9-11

\* **Freed from sin** – Rom 6:17

\* **Summed up** – Col 3:17

\* **The conclusion** – Rom 8:12; Gal 5:19-21

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## \* God's displeasure of sin

\* Achan

\* Joshua 7

\* Ananias and Sapphira

\* Acts 5:1-11



God wants purity among His people,  
therefore – we should want purity!

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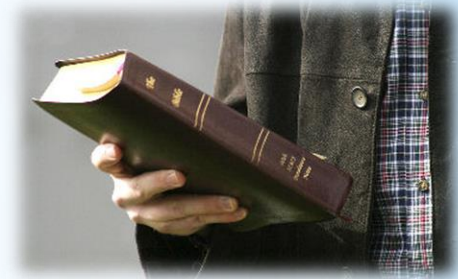
## \*Sin among members – worse than without

For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."

**2 Peter 2:20-22**

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- \* **What is the ultimate danger?**
  - \* Die in sin and be lost
  - \* Apostasy
  - \* Sin condoned by the local church



Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?

**1 Corinthians 5:6**

**Sometimes we glory simply by tolerating the evil**

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\* **What is the solution?**

\* Restore

\* **James 5:19-20**

\* **Galatians 6:1**

\* Withdraw

\* **1 Corinthians 5:13**



Sin in the church is dangerous  
**We need to keep ourselves pure!**  
Keep sin out of the Lord's church