

Judging the Christian
1 Corinthians 5
October 31, 2021

I. The Arrogance of Non-Judgmental Christians (V. 1-5)

- A. Judging is a necessary part of the Christian life:
1. Christians are just as capable of great evil as non-Christians.
 2. Refusing to hold Christians to God's standard of holiness is not love, it is arrogance.
 3. Man's judgment can protect us from God's judgment.

II. Judgment in the Church (V. 6-8)

- A. Unrepentant sin in the life of one church member will poison the whole body.

III. Judgment Outside the Church (V. 9-13)

- A. The necessity of judgment does not mean Christians are the moral police of the world.
- B. God's judgment and man's judgment can work together, but:
1. Man's judgment always has limited knowledge.
 2. Man's judgment always has limited power.
 3. Man's judgment always has limited scope.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Corinthians 5.
2. Why is a body of Christians' inability to confront one church member for sin a sign of arrogance, as verse 2 says?
3. When is it right for a Christian to judge another person, as Paul does in verse 3? When is it wrong?
4. How could being kicked out of a church be good for a wayward church member, as verse 5 says?
5. If a church did not have a healthy practice of church discipline, what do you think that would do to the health of that church, as verses 6-8 illustrate?
6. Have you ever tried to confront a fellow Christian about sin, and they replied that they felt judged? How do you think this passage speaks into that situation?
7. How can a church both judge its members and have a culture of love? How does judging other Christians not lead to legalism?
8. Pray that our church continues to practice church discipline in a spirit of love and gentleness. Consider coming to tonight's Zoom prayer meeting at 7 pm. Register from the home page on the church website to be emailed a Zoom link.

Church Bible Reading Plan

Bible Reading Plan: Jeremiah 28-30

November Memory Verses: Jeremiah 31:31-34

2 Timothy 2:21-22 (ESV)

²¹ Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work. ²² So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

If you have not done so already, register from the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. The registration will last through 12/26/2021.

Register with your name and email address.

Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

- PRAYING for our church to flee sin and respond well to discipline.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain, Steve & Joy V. in Turkey, David & Comfort J. in Nigeria, Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona, Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia, Sylvia M. at ASU West, Arizona, John T. in California, Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand, and Jules S. in Thailand
- PRAY for all our students: elementary, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an on-line setting, or a home school setting our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Anita O., Alea O., Andi P. (son and brother), Ruth S. (mother), Reginald (sister), Monica M. (mother, JoAnn T.), Jeanette C., Ruthie C., Floyd and Karen C. (daughter, niece, Mary E.), Family of Char B., Cordero C. (grandfather), Ida S. (sister-in-law), Frances P. (brother-in-law), Marge D. (brother)
- Those struggling with on-going health and other issues:
Michelle L. (constant pain issues, waiting on results from an MRI), Debbie P. (broke her leg and is now in rehab, still cannot put full weight on that leg), Twyla D. (had a stroke and now has a weakened right side), Ruthie C. (recovery from surgery), Linda C. (waiting test results), Gaylon K. (home therapy after hip surgery), Mary R. (awaiting kidney transplant), Debbie B. (blood clots in legs)
- Others that you are aware of