

# Righteous anger is being angry at what makes God angry.

#### LESSON ONE: WHAT MAKES GOD ANGRY?

## What Made Jesus Good and Angry? Lesson Two

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#### I Corinthians 5 Scripture Lesson

# ✓It is Shocking ✓You are Proud

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you. For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing.

When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

# Godly anger is anger at the right time, with the right spirit, directed at the right target.

#### A Word About CHRISTIAN FREEDOM

### Christian freedom is not a license to sin.

We are free in Christ but not free to live however we want.

For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But do not use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love (Galatians 5:13, NLT).

# Freedom that the Gospel gives Christians is a sacred and holy freedom, a freedom to live in the Lord and for the Lord.

"Hand the man over to Satan" (or cast him out of the fellowship of believers).

## Where sin is tolerated, Satan is ruling.

## I. Righteous Anger Does Not Compromise Sin

## Compromise is the devil's playground.

Like a trampled spring and a polluted well is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked (Proverbs 25:26).

## "A little poison ruins the whole river."

### LOT COMPROMISED (Reference Scripture – Genesis 13)

#### JUDAS COMPROMISED (Reference Scripture – John 13)

Psalm 41:9, Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

## Knowing about Jesus is not the same as knowing Jesus.

Compromise "waters down" and "dilutes" the evil things of life and renders them more appealing or less harmful.

And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you (I Corinthians 5:2).

# Grief is the natural reaction of the Christian to the sins that come into our lives and our community.

"Sin is so serious that it cost God's own Son, Jesus Christ, His very life. If God takes sin that seriously, shouldn't we as well?"

# II. Righteous Anger Understands The Evil Influence Of Sin.

Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. 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.

(I Corinthians 5:6-8, ESV)

"The life, vigor and comfort of our spiritual life depend much upon our mortification of sin."

# Four Evil Effects of Refusing to Do Battle with Sin:

### 1. Sin Deprives Us of Spiritual Strength and Comfort.

## 2. Sin Becomes the Delight of the Heart.

## 3. Sin Becomes the Meditation of Our Minds.

### 4. Sin Hinders Our Spiritual Walk.

#### III. Righteous Anger Responds In Love

# People sin but never think about how their sins affects their own lives, and the lives of others.

I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. 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.

(I Corinthians 5:9-13)

For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? God judges those outside. "Purge the evil person from among you."

#### IV. RIGHTEOUS ANGER CONFRONTS SIN

### The Church Must Confront Sin In Three Areas:

### 1. Confront Sin That Is Unrepentant.

But now I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat. What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? God will judge those outside. Expel the wicked man from among you. (1 Corinthians 5:11-13 NIV)

## Compassion, not angry judgment, is the motivation for challenging their behavior.

### 2. Confront Sin That Is Divisive Behavior.

Warn a divisive person once, and then warn him a second time. After that, have nothing to do with him. Titus 3:10 (NIV)

### 3. Confront Sin That Is Heresy or False Teaching.

As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain men not to teach false doctrines any longer nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. These promote controversies rather than God's work—which is by faith.

(I Timothy 1:3-4)

### "A gospel that does not confront sin is not the gospel of Jesus Christ."

Warning: "Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay."

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