Keeping the Church Free from Evil Influences

1 Corinthians 5:6-13

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Exodus 12:15

• 'Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses. For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.

Exodus 12:18-20

• 'In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. For seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses, since whoever eats what is leavened, that same person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether *he is* a stranger or a native of the land. You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwellings you shall eat unleavened bread.' "

1 Corinthians 1:2, 9

- To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called *to be* saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:
- God *is* faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

• Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Hebrews 12:23

 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, Keep your congregation free from evil influences:

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2 Thessalonians 3:14-15

• And if anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet do not count *him* as an enemy, but admonish *him* as a brother.

Put away the evil from among you

- **Deut 13:1-5** Prophet or dreamer of dreams with a sign enticing you to turn you away from the Lord.
- **Deut 17:2-7** Man or woman who worships other gods or the sun, moon, or stars.
- Deut 17:12-13 Rebellion against priest or judge.
- **Deut 19:16-21** False witnesses will receive the punishment they wanted to inflict on others.
- **Deut 21:18-21** Disobedient, glutton & drunkard son will be executed.

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- **Deut 22:13-21** A woman who committed sexual immorality before getting married.
- **Deut 22:22** A man committing adultery with a married woman. Both are executed.
- **Deut 22:23-24** A man committing sexual immorality with a betrothed woman. Both are executed.
- **Deut 24:7** A kidnapper will be executed.

1 Peter 2:9-10

But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

1 Peter 2:11-12

• Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by *your* good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

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