

JUDGING SIN IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER

I. The report (v. 1)

A. It is essential that God's people live godly lives.

B. Are you living in a way that brings glory to God or are you living as a carnal Christian who brings shame

on the Lord and His Church?

II. The problem (v. 2)

A. This isn't just a sadness, it's a sadness as if someone has died.

B. Our God is a holy God and He demands that we live in a manner that is different from the world.

C. it is better that our lives on this earth be shortened than to live in such a way that we dishonor our holy God.

III. The judgment (vv. 3-5)

A. The lost have got to be confronted with their sin.

B. When a fellow believer is grieving the Holy Spirit and dishonoring the Church you confront them.

C. If they don't repent you disassociate with them.

IV. The consequences of ignoring the problem (vv. 6-8)

A. If you allow sin to remain in the church it will grow and affect the whole body of Christ.

B. You must confess your sin to God every day in order that it not affect your walk with the Lord.

V. Don't associate with immoral believers (vv. 9-13)

A. Paul's instructions are to disassociate with fellow believers who are in sin.

B. We desperately need to reach the lost with the Gospel but we must keep the church pure.