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0:51 Well, greetings, brethren, and welcome to day 3 of the Feast of Tabernacles, and this is, I was about to say welcome to another Wednesday night Bible study.

1:01 I have such a habit of saying that after years and years of studying together with you.

1:07 But this is a Tuesday night study and day 3 of the Feast of Tabernacles, and God willing, What we'll cover today is chapter 6 of the letter to the Corinthians, the First Corinthians chapter 6.

1:24 Let me open with a word of prayer, to see who is here, make sure that I'm coming through loudly and clearly.

1:29 I am on the road, but I think the internet is pretty good here, so I should be coming through clearly.

1:35 Our loving Father, we come before you, Lord, as we are now in day 3 of the feast of unleavened bread.

1:43 We praise you, Lord, and Just pray that you'll be with us, that you'll help us, Father, to fight against sin, to take the lessons from the physical fighting against the physical level, that we will take those lessons to Fight against the spiritual leaven and to just really ingest the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth and to follow the pattern laid down by our Lord and our Savior and the apostles.

2:13 We praise You, Lord.

2:14 We ask that you'll continue to bless our understanding, deepen our faith, and we just thank you that we have each other.

2:20 That we have the Holy Spirit and that we have you as our Father and Jesus Christ as our Lord and our Savior, and we pray in his mighty name.

2:28 Amen.

2:30 All right.

2:30 Let me see who is here.

2:33 And let me make sure I'm coming through clearly.

2:37 this Pastor Murray, thank you so much.

2:39 So video is good.

2:41 let's see who's here.

2:43 And first of all, let me just check something.

2:45 I'll be right back.

2:55 OK, so I'm saying here, let's see who's here.

2:57 I, I was told that I have been saying tabernacles when I clearly mean unleavened bread.

3:03 So welcome to the feast of unleavened bread.

3:07 well, as we, we are observing this, Rose is here, greetings rose, and let's see who else is here.

3:16 Eileen and Todd, greetings from Edmonton.

3:19 We have been Tuning in and greatly enjoying the nightly live studies.

3:23 Wonderful, wonderful to have you.

3:25 What a pleasure.

3:27 What a blessing.

3:29 And we see Dave and Deb.

3:30Welcome.

3:32Sidfried is here.

3:34Bruce Ellis is here.

3:37Pep squares here.

3:39I think I said Judy and Chuck, no, Judy and Chuck, welcome.

3:43CGI Burlington, welcome.

3:47Denise is here.

3:48Welcome and Christie is here.

3:49Welcome, and everyone else that's here, welcome.

3:53praise God that we can just study the passages together.

3:56We're going to get into chapter 6 now.

4:00Let me open up the passage.

4:03And I'm gonna start back in chapter one, just for one verse.

4:10Which is the the the critical verse in my view of this letter to the brethren in Corinth, where after sort of the opening salutations and giving God thanks and just acknowledging how much they've been blessed, his real message to them is this, he's begging them.

4:30By the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, this is serious, and we're all together as family, brethren, and this is a serious request.

4:38It's a pleading.

4:40That you speak the same thing.

4:42And there'd be no divisions among you.

4:45And that should be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

4:53And it's easy just to read this verse.

4:56And just take it out of context, and that's all there is to it.

5:00We have to speak the same thing, and there can't be any division among us, and I suppose there's value in reading this verse out of context by itself.

5:10There's some value, but the greater value is understanding it in context.

5:15This is what Paul is driving.

5:19Tomorrow, God willing, when we look at chapter 7, He's gonna start that chapter saying, OK.

5:28Concerning the things that you wrote to me about, let me address those things.

5:32But for the 1st 6 chapters of this letter, It's about what's on his mind, and it's like, yeah, you guys have written to me about a few questions that you have.

5:41Let me tell you what's on my mind first.

5:44And and what's on my mind is you need to have the same judgment, and you need you need to have the same judgment about these things, first of which, first and foremost, we covered yesterday.

5:57Which is, you better be in the same mind about ejecting this wicked person from your congregation, and stop thinking you're so sophisticated that that you can dwell with sin.

6:10It's gonna overtake your whole congregation, and you're subjecting to the entire congregation to a death sentence from God.

6:19You can't play with God.

6:21So you want to place spiritually sophisticated, you're actually bringing a death sentence down upon the brethren.

6:28 So I'm begging you, have the same judgment.

6:33 Let me tell you what that judgment is from I've already judged.

6:36 I'm not even there, and the reports that that are commonly reported about you, I've already made up my mind.

6:43 So the next time you come together, this is your first order of business.

6:47 My spirit is with you, make this judgment and be of the same mind regarding this judgment.

6:52 You know, a lot of the times I hear this.

6:56 Passage with this verse.

6:59 Preached about.

7:01 There's no follow on.

7:03 It's just, let's be of the same mind.

7:05 Why, why, why is this so important to Paul?

7:07 So that you can put this guy out.

7:11 Now, once you put him out, I want you to be of the same mind regarding what's in chapter 6, and there's two issues of Len.

7:20 In chapter 6.

7:22 So this is the root of the train of thought that Paul has in the 1st 6 chapters, that you must be of the same mind and of the same judgment, and you can't have teachers who are teaching different things, not building properly on the foundation that I have laid, and there's no other foundation except Jesus Christ.

7:45 And you'll find that foundation in the Torah.

7:48 Jesus Christ did not violate the Torah.

7:51 So, I've laid the foundation.

7:53 If you have teachers that are deviating from the foundation, you need everybody needs to come back to the foundation, so that you can make righteous judgments.

8:02 This is the, the whole thrust of the 1st 6 chapters.

8:07 In chapter 5.

8:10 What we read yesterday together.

8:12 This is all of this to say, let's let's get to the root cause of why you don't have the same judgment, but now that I've dealt with all of that, and, and basically discredited.

8:24 Your weak teachers.

8:27 And made it clear what the what the scripture really says.

8:31 Now, it must be clear that there must be judgment within the body.

8:37 We don't judge the world.

8:38 God will take care of that.

8:39 And so there's gonna be fornicators in the world, and we're gonna have to just deal with them.

8:43 Otherwise, we have to go out of the world, but we have to just stay away from evil.

8:47 But within the body, within the fellowship, don't even eat with a for you can't have a fornicator at the table.

8:55 And then the flip side of that is, make sure you're eating and spending lots of time eating, especially on the feast days.

9:01 Of course, with the exception of atonement.

9:04 Make sure you're eating with the brethren, breaking bread together, but don't allow a fornicator or an adulterer at the table.

9:12 Have that judgment.

9:14 Make sure you can discern this.

9:15 Can't be this permissive, tolerant, anything goes congregation or you you you can feel good about yourselves, but you're you're getting drunk on milk, and you're you're don't going to destroy the whole congregation.

9:29 So judgment, be of the same judgment, and it's funny again, the people who are going to many times use verse 10 of chapter one as their go to.

9:40 We need to be perfectly joined together.

9:42 When we ask them what's the judgment?

9:44 They're oh no you can't judge.

9:46 Just love, no judgment.

9:48 Well, in chapter 13, we're gonna learn what agape really is, but he says them that are without, God judges.

9:56 But we must judge those that are within.

9:58 Therefore, to be of the same mind and the same judgment, put away.

10:03 That wicked person from among you.

10:06 this is like a no brainer.

10:07 The next time you come together, you have agency, talk about this, make the same judgment.

10:14 And and the foundation is Jesus Christ.

10:17 So as long as you're operating from that foundation, you'll come to this judgment.

10:21 With that then, we come into chapter 6.

10:25 Tomorrow, God willing.

10:27 He's gonna respond to what they wrote to him about.

10:31 But these 1st 6 chapters are his priorities.

10:34 Like let's have the same judgment.

10:37 Let's understand why you don't, and the hypocrisy and the arrogance of some of your teachers, which is why you're you're not having the same judgment.

10:47 Let's come back to the foundation and then let's judge.

10:51 Let's get rid of that wicked person in unison.

10:54 There should be no discrepancy in judgment here.

10:57 And now in chapter 6, we're gonna see two more issues.

11:00 Here's the first one.

11:02 How dare you?

11:04 Dare any of you, like, what are you thinking?

11:07 Any of you having a matter against another, cause it happens, it's a community, there's gonna be issues that arise, but when these issues arise, how dare you go to law before the unjust?

11:21 And not before the saints.

11:25 So you have to have the same mind and the same judgment.

11:28 You, this is a muscle.

11:30The, the, the judgment muscle rooted in the foundation of Jesus Christ, which is the Torah.

11:35This, this is a foundational skill that we have to have.

11:39And and and as we have this, how on earth?

11:44Do we go to people, Paul Paul described these people as the perishing.

11:49There are those that are being sanctified.

11:54Through the power of the Holy Spirit, and then there's everybody else, and everybody else falls into the category of the perishing.

12:02They're perishing.

12:04And, and so here we are, this community of believers who have the down payment of eternal life.

12:12And are going through this process of sanctification with the power of the Holy Spirit, and we're taking our matters in front of people who are perishing, to get judgment from them because we don't have the ability to judge entirely.

12:24It's like, this is insane.

12:27Don't you know that the saints shall judge the world?

12:33Did, did your teachers not explain this to you?

12:37Do you not know what it means to possess the Holy Spirit and what our destiny is?

12:43Because this is madness.

12:45And if the world shall be judged by you.

12:49Are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

12:52You know, I would ask this question slightly different.

12:55I would ask this question to say, If you're going to judge the world, Why are you running to the world for judgment?

13:03OK, let me get this straight.

13:05You're one of the saints in Christ, and you're going to judge the world.

13:10But you have a matter against a brother or a sister, and you're running to the perishing.

13:15Who you're going to judge, to seek judgment from them, and they have no wisdom.

13:20They have a worldly wisdom, a devilish wisdom.

13:24So he's saying like, OK, if you're gonna judge the world, this is a small matter.

13:28These, these issues that I hear that you're grappling with, these are petty issues.

13:34And you're telling me you're gonna you you want to judge the world, but you're not capable of resolving these matters.

13:40He says, don't you know that we shall judge angels?

13:45This is where, this is our destiny.

13:47We're gonna be occupying a very high status.

13:50And we're gonna be judging many matters, including those of angels.

13:55How much more things that pertain to this life.

13:59So how much more capable should we be of, you know, that Solomonic judgment.

14:05Regarding this life when we're being prepared to judge matters between angels.

14:14Or judgment to pronounced sentence perhaps on these fallen angels.

14:18And we see this in Daniel 7, look at the prophecy.

14:21This is, this is in their scriptures.

14:23They had they have access to this.

14:24The teachers have access to this.
14:27Oh, but no, you know what?
14:29We just teach love.
14:31No need to go into the prophetic word.
14:35We just teach love, love, love, love.
14:37And so the brethren lose their focus, they lose their understanding of their destiny.
14:44Because all they're hearing is just love, love, love, which is not rooted in anything.
14:49And so there's a lot of talk about love and then there's a lot of hatred in the congregation.
14:53There's a lot of dysfunction in the congregation.
14:55There's a lot of, there's a lack of fear of God in the congregation.
15:00Because the word of God is not being preached.
15:03We need a balanced diet.
15:05We need the Tanak, we need to go into the Torah.
15:08We need to go into the Nevie, the prophets, we need to go into the Katuri, the the the the writings.
15:14And, and we need to go into the apostolic letters.
15:18We need to read the gospel accounts.
15:20We need to read the revelation.
15:24And we need to be tying all of this together with a deeper and deeper understanding that no matter which part of the text we're in, we're bringing all of the context of the rest of the text to that text.
15:35And we can really understand what it means.
15:38And we can have a sense of urgency.
15:40And a sense of profundity.
15:42It's like, wow, what are we a part of?
15:46But no, no, we just want to say love, love, and then the people lose, they just lose their focus, they lose their orientation.
15:54It's just love, just Christian living.
15:57And it's not real.
15:59And we're at table with fornicators.
16:03We're table with adulterers.
16:06We're at table with backbiters and covetous.
16:11And Paul is saying, do not eat with them.
16:14So, let me just ask, how's our Christianity going?
16:18Do we ever say, no, we cannot eat with these people.
16:22Or are we just totally permissive and tolerant?
16:24Everything goes.
16:27It's so easy to consume leaven.
16:30It's so easy to fall back into Len, and that's what the Corinthians are doing.
16:34They've come out of a certain lifestyle, and because they're not being preached through solid teaching, they're falling back into that old lifestyle, all the while feeling very spiritual.
16:46Daniel 7:22.
16:48The ancient of days came.
16:50And judgment.

16:53 was given to the saints of the Most High.

16:55 Paul is saying, how's that gonna work?

16:57 How's that gonna work when you haven't developed this muscle?

17:01 And judgment, you're gonna be dealing with judging profound matters, and you can't even deal with petty earthly things.

17:08 Judgment was given to the saints of the Most High, and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

17:15 We need to understand this.

17:17 And what it means and the implications.

17:19 1 Corinthians 4:6.

17:26 If then you have judgments of things pertaining to this life, if if If you're developing this muscle, if you're building on the right foundation, And so you have judgments.

17:40 Well then when these matters come up, set them to judge.

17:45 You know what, I've got an idea.

17:46 Why don't you set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church?

17:52 Paul Paul is like this is crazy.

17:56 You're going to the wicked, you're going to the perishing for judgment.

18:00 I've got an idea.

18:02 Since you're being educated by the word of God.

18:06 Why don't you take these petty matters?

18:09 To the people who are least esteemed in the church.

18:13 Because if they have the Holy Spirit, if they're studying God's word, they will render righteous judgment.

18:20 So what are you doing?

18:22 I said, he says, I speak to your shame.

18:26 I speak to your shame.

18:28 This is embarrassing.

18:30 You, you call yourself members of the body of Christ.

18:33 This is embarrassing.

18:34 I'm speaking this to your shame.

18:37 Is it so that there is not a wise man among you?

18:43 No, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren, and there's just a little note here that here now the word judge is diacrino.

18:56 Prior to this, when we've seen Judge, it's been Crino.

19:01 Your criteria, but he's he's he's been using before this word to judge, and it's been crino.

19:07 Which is to come to a final judgment in a matter.

19:12 Here To set to judge between his brethren.

19:18 In this sense, it's to discern the matter, to pull the matter apart.

19:22 And to really understand what is really going on here, and it's like again that Solomonic judgment, to render a judgment to get to the heart of the matter.

19:33 Even the least among us.

19:35 Should be able to do this.

19:38 Instead, Your condition, you're just so spiritual.

19:44 Instead, brother goes to law, Roman law with brother, and all the consequences then of the Roman law against brethren.

19:56 And they're doing this before unbelievers.

20:00 People who are perishing.

20:02 People who are, he said, you know, I, I didn't tell you not to have any discussions or or conversations or commerce with the ungodly with fornicators in the world.

20:15 You'd have to go out of the world.

20:18 I said anybody who's called a brother who's a fornicator, you can't fellowship with them.

20:27 But at the same time, it's remarkable to me.

20:31 That when you have a matter between brethren, instead of resolving it between brethren, brethren are taking brethren to wicked fornicators, to adulterers, to people who do all kinds of shameful things.

20:46 And asking them to render judgment on the body of Christ.

20:50 This is insane.

20:52 Brother goes to law with brother, and, and he does that before the unbelievers.

20:57 So not only is the judgment from the unbelievers unreliable and unrighteous, but now you're exposing or or degrading the reputation of the church before unbelievers.

21:11 So when these unbelievers see the squabbling between brethren, what impression do they then have of Christ?

21:19 If they were to conclude, I want the things that I hear go on in that church, I want nothing to do with Christianity.

21:25 So, so not only are they damaging each other.

21:29 They're damaging the reputation of Christ.

21:32 He says now therefore.

21:35 There is utterly a fault among you.

21:38 This is bad.

21:40 This is really bad.

21:42 And you can't see it.

21:45 Sort of sitting right there in your blind spot.

21:47 I'm telling you, there's utterly a fault, no doubt about it, because you go to law one with another.

21:55 And and Pastor Murray many years ago gave a sermon, one another, and he just showed all the things that brethren are obligated to do with and for one another, and all the things we're obligated not to do with one another.

22:10 And this is one of those what not to do.

22:13 To go to law against each other.

22:16 He says, OK.

22:18 Wow, this is bad.

22:22 Let's just say you feel that you are absolutely in the right, and you need to get this resolved.

22:31 And to do that, you need to go out of the church into the Roman courts.

22:38 He's saying, why would you do that?

22:41 Again, the wisdom of the cross.

22:45 The wisdom of the cross is we are appointed to death.

22:49 We've got no claim to this life.
22:52 Every day above ground is a blessing.
22:56 And so we have no expectation of this life because We've been sentenced to death.
23:02 The minute we say we are followers of Christ, he says, take up your cross and follow me.
23:07 And so there's a wisdom.
23:09 There's a there's a Passover wisdom.
23:12 That is reinforced every year as we wash one another's feet to prepare each other, not just for service, but for sacrifice.
23:22 And there's a Passover wisdom that we gain as we recount.
23:27 The footsteps of our Lord and the final moments of our Lord, and the intense purpose of our Lord.
23:36 And the victory of our Lord carrying this death sentence.
23:41 And then he calls us to be his witnesses.
23:46 He calls us to be his followers.
23:48 And so that that's why Paul said earlier to the Corinthians.
23:54 The the the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God.
23:59 And the wisdom of God is foolishness to the world.
24:03 And the wisdom of God is foolishness to the Corinthian brethren.
24:07 If you understood The wisdom of the cross.
24:12 Why wouldn't you rather take wrong?
24:15 Why do you not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded, if, if you have the wisdom of the cross?
24:22 And, and especially if you're dealing with brethren, why wouldn't you allow yourself to be defrauded?
24:27 And that's really what Matthew 18.
24:30 Is reinforcing the wisdom of the cross.
24:32 A a brother has done something to violate me.
24:36 He has sinned against me.
24:39 And the wisdom of the cross is, as much as it's going to make me feel good to tell anybody and everybody about it, and the more I talk about it, the better I feel.
24:49 The because that then vindicates me.
24:52 And degrades him, and rightfully so.
24:56 Instead, the wisdom of the cross is, just go privately.
25:01 And if he repents, the matter is resolved because you've restored your brother.
25:06 And and I, I missed the satisfaction of being justified.
25:11 Now the matter goes away.
25:14 This is the wisdom of the cross.
25:16 So why wouldn't you understand this this wisdom that is foolishness to the world.
25:23 Instead you're running after the world for their wisdom.
25:26 He says here in chapter 1 and verse 18, he says the preaching of the cross.
25:33 is to them that perish foolishness.
25:36 And you are running to them that perish for their judgment.
25:40 And they don't understand this wisdom, so how can you get a wise judgment from them?
25:45 But unto us which are saved, it's the power of God.

25:49And so there's two camps.
25:52Within Corin, they think there's multiple camps.
25:55Paul is saying no, there's only 2 camps.
25:58Them that are perishing.
26:00And them that are being saved.
26:03And those of us that are being saved, we must understand the wisdom.
26:08Of the cross.
26:10Because the world certainly doesn't understand it.
26:12In Romans 6.
26:14Again, this, this, this notion that we're buried in Christ.
26:19We accept our fate.
26:22There's a there's a hymn we sing wherever he goes, wherever he leads, I will go.
26:32Wherever he leads, I will go.
26:35There's a sense that we just accept our lot.
26:39And we, we are very grateful for our blessings because we understand what we're, what we've been called to.
26:49And so any blessings that we have, we're truly grateful for them.
26:54But when we do have to face trial, we accept it.
27:00Wisdom of the cross.
27:02And so Romans 6:4.
27:04Therefore, we are buried with him by baptism into death.
27:10Why, why wouldn't you allow yourself to be defrauded?
27:13If you understand, we've been buried with him.
27:15We, we, we have no life anymore.
27:18We've been buried with him into death.
27:21That like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so in the same way, we should also, we also should walk in newness of life.
27:33That's why yesterday when we were reading in chapter 5, when he says, let us keep the feast.
27:40Christ, our Passover has been sacrificed for us.
27:43We're on the other side of the Passover.
27:46We must walk in newness of life.
27:48We've been baptized into this covenant, we're on the other side of death.
27:53We must walk in newness of life, and this is what the Corinthians are missing.
27:58He also says to the Romans in chapter 8 and verse 6, to be carnally minded is death.
28:05And if you must win, if you must have the upper hand in this life, this is carnal mindedness, and it's death.
28:14But to be spiritual minded, spiritually minded, this is life and peace.
28:20Why wouldn't you allow yourself to be defrauded?
28:22If you are spiritually minded, it's like, OK, brother, you go ahead.
28:27If that's how your conscience is, you're good with that, you go ahead.
28:33I, I, you're, you're wrong, you've hurt me.
28:35I'm not gonna fight you.
28:37I could take you to court, but why would I take you to the parishing?

28:42 And I'll just leave it at that, because this is life and peace.
28:47 He says in chapter 6 verse 8, that you're utterly at fault.
28:52 He says, no, you do wrong.
28:54 This, let's just call a spade a spade.
28:57 And and Paul just calls a spade a spade.
28:59 You do wrong.
29:01 And you defraud.
29:04 And that your brethren.
29:06 Brethren taking advantage of brethren, he's saying you're doing wrong.
29:10 And, and, later when we read in chapter 11, how they were keeping the Passover.
29:17 This is awful.
29:19 There's no, there's no discernment.
29:21 There's no understanding of who we're dealing with.
29:24 So Paul is just calling it out.
29:25 You you do wrong.
29:28 In James 4 and 5, he says, do you think that the scripture says in vain, the spirit that dwells in us lusts to envy.
29:40 And that's why Paul is saying to the Corinthian brethren, don't mess around with this Levin.
29:44 A little leaven leaves the entire lump.
29:48 You need to get this out.
29:52 So this is what we're dealing with this this carnal nature.
29:56 Which if we keep our carnal desires a priority, this is the road to death and ruin.
30:03 But if we can subjugate that and be focused on the The true destiny of the believer.
30:11 This is the world life of peace.
30:15 In verse 9 then, he says.
30:19 Guys, hello.
30:22 Don't you know?
30:24 Hasn't this been taught to you?
30:26 That the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God.
30:30 That's a pretty powerful statement.
30:33 This this is like, wow.
30:36 Is who who is who is he writing to?
30:39 Is this, is this, Kind of what should I call this.
30:44 In sort of inside knowledge of what goes on in the church.
30:49 Is this a communication from a church member to a church member?
30:53 Is this a communication from a, a church pastor to a congregation?
30:58 Is this a communication that's internal?
31:02 Of a church teacher to the learners.
31:06 Because I don't believe, I can't believe this.
31:09 This is like, if you're unrighteous, you will not be in the kingdom of God.
31:15 Why do we even have to say this, but obviously it's necessary.
31:19 Whatever these Christian love, Christian living.
31:24 pablum cotton candy preachers are teaching in Corinth.

31:29 If they've made it necessary for Paul to remind the brethren.
31:35 That there's no entrance for the wicked in the kingdom of God.
31:39 Meaning there is wickedness in the congregation.
31:43 And it has to be rooted out.
31:45 So they, they have questions for Paul.
31:47 And he's writing to respond to their questions.
31:50 But he, he's not dealing with their questions until he deals with all of this stuff that's on his mind.
31:56 That has to be corrected.
31:58 You guys have to make judgments here to get this lemon out.
32:02 Get that wicked person out.
32:04 Stop this.
32:06 Lawfare.
32:08 That's going on within the church, over all these divisions, and then he's gonna deal with the next topic.
32:15 So he's just reminding them the unrighteous are not in the kingdom of God, period.
32:21 Do not be deceived, and I could maybe just read between the lines, to say, do not be deceived by your cotton candy preachers.
32:32 Do not be deceived by people who are not teaching you properly from the word of God.
32:40 Because these ideas are not gonna come from the Hindus.
32:46 They're not, they're not going to the Hindus.
32:49 Or the Mohammedans were not around at this time, but eventually the Mohammedans or they're not going to the the Buddhists.
32:56 To say like, hey, tell me about the future and my destiny.
33:00 This is being taught to them inside, or or maybe I could say it another way.
33:05 This is not being taught.
33:08 And so it's getting fuzzy, and people are slipping away.
33:12 And so Paul is coming in and saying, you might not have been taught this for a while, but let me remind you, there's no wickedness in the kingdom of God.
33:19 And don't be deceived, neither neither fornicators.
33:23 Of which you seem to have many, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind and the fact that Paul is listing these sinful behaviors.
33:36 Can only indicate to me he's aware of this behavior in the in the congregation.
33:42 And so it's just a reminder, like this is a wicked city that you've come out of.
33:47 Don't bring these practices with you.
33:50 Because none of these behaviors are going to be acceptable in the kingdom of God, nor thieves.
33:57 So again, if you're taking brother to brother and defrauding your brother.
34:01 And if forcing him to have to take you to court.
34:04 Now, this is, this is theft.
34:08 Nor covetous.
34:11 And and who knows what's going on with the relationships between married people.
34:17 Nor drunkards.

34:19 And again, if the Corinth is this busy trafficking area with lots of sailors and there's lots of alcohol, and you're coming out of that life and your friends are those people, probably, well, we know that they, in fact, in chapter 11, when they're having their agape meal, Paul says, like, what's going on here though the wealthy are coming early.

34:41 They're feasting, they're they're gorging themselves and on in a gluttonous way on the food, and they're drinking so much they're drunk, and a poor brother shows up much later, the food is all done.

34:54 He's hungry, this other one is drunk.

34:57 So these these behaviors are taking place in the congregation and they're not being corrected.

35:03 Because the teachers, the cotton candy preachers, are just love, love, love.

35:09 So don't be deceived.

35:11 Drunkards nor revilers nor extortioners shall inherit the kingdom of God.

35:17 You know, verses 9 and 10 just seem like this is kindergarten, like, you don't come into the church of God, believing that you can do these things.

35:28 And enter the kingdom of God, but somehow the Corinthian brethren need to be reminded.

35:35 Of this very basic but very severe truth.

35:42 These people are operating under a death sentence.

35:45 And their teachers are allowing it.

35:49 Proverbs 27 and verse 6, Solomon says, faithful are the wounds of a friend.

35:57 So, I think you know, for us in Burlington, we try to just preach the word of God precisely, and there are other teachers as well that just tell us straight.

36:10 And, and for me, I, I like this.

36:12 I like to be told straight.

36:15 Kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

36:18 And and Satan is obviously getting into some of these teachers in Corinth.

36:23 And taking control of them, and there's just kisses for everybody, kisses, kisses everywhere, kisses, kisses, even to the one that's committing incest.

36:32 Kisses, kisses come and come to the table and let's eat.

36:36 This is, this is from the enemy.

36:40 Harsh sometimes like Paul, you guys are not on your way to the kingdom of God.

36:46 Do not be deceived.

36:47 This, this sounds harsh.

36:48 Put that man out.

36:50 It sounds harsh.

36:52 Stop taking each other to court.

36:55 You are utterly at fault.

36:57 It sounds harsh.

36:59 But the proverb says this is faithful.

37:02 These these wounds are faithful.

37:05 They have a healing property.

37:07 Yes, we're gonna tear the band-aid off and stop playing church.

37:12 But in the end, everybody's better.

37:16He says that none of these things.

37:19These behaviors are acceptable by God.

37:21You're, you're just rejected on arrival.

37:24Just don't even bother.

37:26And then he says this, and such were some of you.

37:30This is the extent of the wickedness in this city.

37:36That miraculously.

37:38Paul preached in this city, and the Holy Spirit converted these people and brought them to Christ.

37:45But this is the backdrop, this is the life they're coming from.

37:48What does he say?

37:50Fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, effeminate, homosexuals, thieves, covetous, drunkards, revilers, extortioners, this is what was going on in Corinth, and this is the pool from which God called these brethren.

38:06And so he says, and such for some of you, some of them, would be faithful Jewish men like Paul himself, but a lot of them were Gentiles, that this was their life.

38:18However, you are washed, you are sanctified, but you are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

38:30Don't go backwards.

38:32Don't backslide.

38:34Don't go back into that behavior because you'll be cut off.

38:39Except that you've been sanctified, washed from all of that.

38:43Then he says, All things are lawful unto me.

38:47But all things are not expedient.

38:50And so he's now speaking within the law.

38:54There's a lot that he can do.

38:56There's there are many degrees of freedom.

38:58But not everything is appropriate.

39:01All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

39:06This is a very powerful verse.

39:09Because we might look at somebody who has an alcohol addiction, a drug addiction, a sex addiction.

39:17Now, clearly, this is a problem.

39:21But we might have a food addiction.

39:24The the food is fine.

39:25There's nothing wrong with this food.

39:26It's not unclean meat.

39:29It's chicken and it's beef, and it's clean food, but we might have an addiction, a sort of self-medic medication with food.

39:37And we just have lack of self control.

39:41Maybe we have an addiction to our devices.

39:45This is how these devices are developed and programmed.

39:49So there's always some sort of notification going off.

39:53 So that we're always looking for that dopamine hit, and we're always on the social media, and there's what TikTok and Instagram and Facebook and all these different, always notifications going off, and we're actually addicted to this.

40:08 It has control over us.

40:09 We can't function.

40:11 We can't sit at a table.

40:14 With a loved one Without picking up our device and we're we're we're instead of being here present, we're we're we're somewhere else with somebody else.

40:25 So there's many things.

40:28 Paul is saying that are lawful to him and to us.

40:34 But we can't allow them to gain control over us.

40:37 We can't come under their power.

40:41 As Christians, everything's under our power.

40:46 So I will not be brought under the power of any.

40:50 In Romans, he says to them in chapter 6 and verse 12, Let not sin, therefore reign in your mortal body.

40:59 So this body that we have matters.

41:02 And, and he's gonna, Paul's gonna talk about this body, but we can't allow anything in this world.

41:09 To take control of our bodies, and certainly not live.

41:13 That's why we have to cut it off when it's small, before it becomes overpowering.

41:19 Maybe anger is something that we just can't get control of our temper.

41:24 This is, this cannot be for the Christian.

41:26 We control everything.

41:28 Nothing controls us.

41:30 That's the wisdom of the cross.

41:34 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body that you should obey it in the lust thereof.

41:39 Neither yield you your members as instruments, as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin.

41:47 But yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead.

41:52 And so this again is the wisdom of the cross.

41:54 We're we're we're on the other side of Passover, we're on the other side of the grave.

41:59 And so there's a peace, there's a freedom.

42:02 That we enjoy as Christians that the perishing don't understand.

42:05 And we're just at peace with whatever God has in store for us.

42:10 So Be as those that are alive from the dead.

42:14 We've been baptized, we've come out of the grave, and your members.

42:18 As instruments of righteousness unto God.

42:21 Again, technology is a wonderful thing.

42:24 Look, look at what we're doing right now.

42:26 In the middle of the week, every day during unleavened bread.

42:29, All around the world, wherever we are, we can come in fellowship together and, and, and drink in.

42:39 The the the word of God, digest the word of God.

42:43 This is technology.
42:45 The same technology that's available to the perishing.
42:48 Except they use it for wickedness.
42:51 We use it for righteousness.
42:54 And this is, this is how we have to be with everything.
42:56 Paul is saying, yeah, everything is lawful to me, but not everything is expedient, not everything is convenient.
43:01 I'm not going to allow even lawful things to gain control over me.
43:07 He says, yield yourselves unto God as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God, for sin shall not have dominion over you, and that's what this week is all about freeing ourselves from the stronghold of sin.
43:23 And it's just just bring everything into focus, just to be more hypersensitive.
43:29 To how sin might have control over us, sin shall not have dominion over us, for we are not under the law but under grace.
43:39 So now he shifts.
43:42 In chapter 6.
43:44 To the next thing that he wants to talk about.
43:51 3 big pieces of len.
43:55 After the main issue of Levin of hypocrisy and building poorly.
44:04 On the foundation that he laid.
44:06 And causing division and division in judgment and perception as a result.
44:10 That's the big one.
44:13 Deal with that, so you can deal with the big 3.
44:17 So deal with the big one, so that as a as a congregation that has agency.
44:23 Together, We can deal with these.
44:27 And and then when that's all resolved.
44:31 It's like takes a breath, excuse me.
44:34 OK.
44:35 Now, concerning the things that you wrote to me about, I'll, I'll deal with your questions, but this is big stuff.
44:43 Deal with this first.
44:45 Meats for the belly.
44:48 And the belly for meats.
44:49 So this is on the heels of him saying that all things are lawful for me, but not everything is expedient.
44:54 So these meats are lawful for me.
44:57 There's nothing there, there, there's nothing wrong with them.
45:00 And and they're designed or created for the stomach.
45:05 And the stomach is for this.
45:06 It has digestive juices and abilities to digest this meat.
45:12 But it's all temporary.
45:14 But God shall destroy both it, the stomach, the belly, and them, the meats.
45:20 This is all everything's going to be burned up.
45:22 So all physical things are gonna be burned up.

45:25 This is all temporary, but boy, eating is a real joy.
45:31 Especially if we can do it with brethren.
45:34 And loved ones.
45:35 Eating is a joy, it's just the way we're designed as humans.
45:39 But it's all temporary.
45:41 This is a temporary existence.
45:43 And it's everything is gonna be burned up.
45:47 Now, The body is not for fornication.
45:52 So we're now dealing with bodily functions.
45:56 And Because Coming out of coins, we have to kind of, this is like morality 101.
46:04 The body is not for fornication.
46:06 It was never designed for fornication.
46:10 And you know, wouldn't surprise me if we have brethren, unmarried brethren who are dabbling in fornication.
46:17 It's just to look what's happening in Corinth.
46:20 This this ungodly behavior is outside of the design of God.
46:25 The body is not for fornication, and, and here fornication, you know, cornea.
46:32 We, we needn't restrict that.
46:36 To the sexual activity of unmarried persons.
46:39 That's that's what we mean by fornication, but the Greek Pornea is broader.
46:45 It's any sexual activity outside of the sanctity of marriage, that is Pornea.
46:51 And the body Was not designed for that.
46:57 Instead, God created the body for the Lord to serve the Lord.
47:04 And the Lord for the body.
47:07 This is a very intimate relationship that we as humans are created to have with the Lord.
47:15 And he's given us this body designed in his image, so that we might serve him.
47:22 The devil comes along and tries to pull us into Pornea.
47:27 Because sexual activity.
47:30 Within the sanctity of marriage is a form of worship.
47:34 Because it reflects the union.
47:37 Of Christ in the church, so all sexual activity within marriage.
47:43 He says the, the marriage bed.
47:46 It is undefiled.
47:48 It it this this loving relationship and it's not, I shouldn't say would only give the impression that a man can just do whatever he wants to his wife.
47:56 Or less likely, but vice versa.
47:58 You know, it's this loving union, this intimate union between the husband and the wife is actually reflecting the glory of God.
48:08 Anything outside of that.
48:11 Is satanic worship.
48:14 It's honoring the devil.
48:17 And so Paul is being very clear to this.
48:20 The this perverse people who come out of this very perverse city.
48:25 Which is not unlike our modern world.

48:29 That the body is made for the Lord and the Lord for the body.
48:34 And God has both raised up the Lord.
48:38 And will also raise up us by his own power.
48:42 So the Lord was incarnate.
48:44 He became a human being.
48:47 With a body and he died.
48:51 And God raised him up.
48:54 From death.
48:55 And not only did he raise up the Lord, he's going to raise up us as well.
49:04 And there's no such thing as life without a body.
49:08 And that would just shock some people in this world.
49:11 Because they have all kinds of notions of being just a spirit and just being disembodied.
49:17 But there's no such thing as life without a body.
49:20 And so the body was designed especially.
49:26 For the purpose of bringing honor to God, we're actually made in His image and likeness.
49:32 And so the same way that God was incarnate with a body, died and was resurrected with a body.
49:41 We, and this body that we have, this carnal body that we have, serving the Lord with it.
49:48 We are headed to the grave, but we are also headed to resurrection.
49:53 With a new body, there's never a time we're going to be disembodied.
49:57 There's no life without a body.
50:00 And so he says, God has both raised up the Lord and will also raise up us by his own power.
50:09 This is personal to God to do this.
50:12 Don't you know?
50:14 And again, the Corinthians, as spiritual as they thought they were, were very ignorant.
50:19 Many times Paul is like, don't you know?
50:22 Don't you know that your bodies are the members of Christ?
50:28 Didn't you, didn't you know this?
50:31 As you come together, you're actually reflecting the body of Christ, and then he's gonna go on and teach them about the different gifts, but we're all members of the same body.
50:41 Don't you know this?
50:43 Now, he says that to say this.
50:46 This is the major issues in Corinth.
50:51 If we understand that we are members of the body of Christ.
50:55 Shall I then take the members of Christ?
50:58 And make them the members of a harlot.
51:03 God forbid, I would, I would never do this.
51:09 God forbid.
51:11 That I should take the members of Christ and and join them to a harlot.
51:16 But this is current.
51:19 This is what people are coming out of.
51:20 This is, this is a Greek philosophy.
51:23 This is Plato.

51:26That basically the physical doesn't matter or the physical is evil, the spiritual is good, and therefore, because the physical is evil, well, there's no point trying to go against it.

51:37Just do whatever you want in the physical because it really doesn't matter.

51:41What matters is your spirit and your spirit has a different dimension and a different life, so the body it doesn't matter.

51:49This is, this is Greek philosophy.

51:50This is Platonic philosophy.

51:53And this is Corinth, a city of incredible, you know, today we might have strip clubs and and websites and, and bars, and there's all kinds of think of Las Vegas, what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas.

52:07There's that sort of ethic all around us today.

52:11And so there's many opportunities.

52:14For us to forget.

52:16That this body is a reflection of the glory of God, and this body is a member of Christ's body.

52:25And so we can start getting caught up in things, not realizing the shame.

52:30That we are bringing on ourselves and on our Lord.

52:34But, Paul's response is, God forbid, never.

52:38No way.

52:39And yet this is what's going on in Corinth.

52:43He says, what?

52:45You know, just going Paul, I think Paul must just, I can see Paul like he's writing this letter, and he's just like shaking his head, just like, where do I start?

52:55What?

52:57Don't you know?

52:58So they they're so wise, but there's a lot they don't know.

53:02Don't you know that he which is joined to a harlot is one body.

53:07This is like in marriage when the husband and wife come together, they're one body that he says I'm gonna make the man and the woman one.

53:15And now you're gonna take your body and join it to a harlot.

53:21For two, he says, shall be one flesh.

53:23Now, Today, We have these websites.

53:32We have AI.

53:34One of the biggest uses of AI is to be an intimate partner.

53:39That people actually fall in love with their AI.

53:42And now we have robotics to go with the AI so that human beings are not knowing how to interact with other human beings.

53:52They're much more comfortable interacting with technology.

53:56And so all of that to say.

53:58This is the way it was in Corinth.

54:02For the sake of the archive, this is 2025.

54:05There are many ways.

54:07That we can join Christ to a harlot, if we're not careful.

54:12And our reaction to that should be God forbid.

54:15 We should have nothing to do with this, but this was Corinth.
54:19 The principles still apply.
54:21 This is a modern day Corinth.
54:23 We, we, we, we swim in a modern day Corinth.
54:26 And such for some of you, such for some of us.
54:29 Don't backslide, don't go back to this.
54:34 He says he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit, so a man and his wife are one body.
54:43 But he that's joined to the Lord is one spirit.
54:47 So now if you're joined to the Lord and you're that one spirit, and now you're joining yourself to a harlot, you're joining the Lord to a harlot.
54:55 Flee fornication, don't fool around with this.
55:00 Your life is at stake.
55:02 Run for your life, is what he's saying.
55:05 I don't know what your teachers are teaching you.
55:08 What kind of cotton candy sermons you're getting, flee fornication.
55:12 Your life is at stake.
55:14 Your eternal life is at stake.
55:16 Why?
55:18 Every sin that a man does is outside of his body.
55:22 But he that commits fornication sins against his own body.
55:28 Watch again, there's a lot that prints this Paul like, don't you know?
55:31 Don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you.
55:39 You're joined to the Lord.
55:41 Which you have from God.
55:43 And you are not your own.
55:45 This again is the wisdom of the cross.
55:47 You're not your own.
55:48 I'm not my own.
55:50 So this sort of self-willed, I'll do what I wanna do.
55:55 This is not from God, this is not the spirit of God.
55:58 This is another spirit.
56:00 And so when he says that, But our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.
56:07 That's how it was designed from the beginning.
56:08 That that's what was meant from the beginning.
56:11 And when he says that the two shall be one, this is going right back to Genesis.
56:16 Genesis 1:27, he says, so God created man.
56:21 In his own image, this body is the image of God.
56:25 In the image of God He created him, male and female, he created them.
56:31 He deliberately put this in the design, that a man and a woman would come together as husband and wife and become one, and together as receptacles of the Holy Spirit, they would also be joined to the Lord.
56:45 And would reflect the glory of the Lord.
56:47 This is in the original design.
56:50 Verse 24 of chapter 2.

56:51 Therefore, shall a man leave his father and his mother.

56:56 And shall cleave unto his wife.

57:00 And they, the two of them, shall be one, shall be one flesh.

57:05 This was the original design.

57:07 And this is the glory of God.

57:10 God designed man to reflect his glory, and in doing that, he designed them sexual, with a sexual beings to come together.

57:20 And we're gonna talk about that tomorrow when we cover chapter 7 because they had questions for him about that.

57:26 In Leviticus 19 and 2, speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel and say it to them, You shall be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy, and this is the message to the brethren in Corinth.

57:42 And this is the message to us, especially during these days of unleavened bread.

57:46 We shall be holy.

57:48 Because the Lord our God is holy.

57:52 We need holy living, and again, we hear a lot about Christian living, but do we hear about holy living?

57:58 Cause that's what Christian living is, it's holy living.

58:02 In Romans 12:1, he says, I'm begging you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you use your bodies.

58:11 Which belong to God, which are for His glory, present these bodies as a living sacrifice.

58:16 This is the wisdom of the cross.

58:19 Holy, holy living, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

58:25 This is totally expected.

58:28 For when we understand what we're a part of.

58:32 In Romans 6 and 13, he says, neither yield you your members.

58:36 As instruments of unrighteousness, and that's what Corinth was doing.

58:40 Don't do this unto sin.

58:43 Instead yield yourselves unto God as those that are alive from the dead.

58:47 We're on the other side of Passover.

58:49 We're on the other side of baptism.

58:51 And your members of instrument as instruments of righteousness unto God.

58:56 In Philippians 3, he says, our conduct is in heaven, our conversation is in heaven, from whence also we look for the savior.

59:06 The Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile body, the body matters, will never be without a body.

59:14 So the body is going to change.

59:16 It's not gonna disappear.

59:17 It's going to change.

59:18 We know there's no life without a body.

59:21 He's going to change our vile body, this corrupt body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body to ultimately reflect his glory.

59:30 According to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

59:36 This is the process.

59:38That we're engaged in.

59:40A process that will result in us being transformed.

59:45And truly reflecting the glory of God.

59:48We have to be doing that now with our physical bodies, because the body is for the Lord and the Lord for the body.

59:572 Corinthians 5 and verse 10, for we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ.

1:00:05That everyone may receive.

1:00:09The things done in his body.

1:00:10The body matters, brethren.

1:00:12This is the the message to the Corinthian brethren coming out of this Greek culture, coming out of this horrible Roman city, this corrupt Roman city, this platonic philosophy that, hey, don't get down the wrong path here.

1:00:27The body matters.

1:00:29It reflects the glory of God.

1:00:31It was designed for God.

1:00:35And it's the it's the temple of God.

1:00:37You are the temple of God, and you're members of Christ's body.

1:00:42So what we do in this body matters.

1:00:45And we, we must all appear, every single one of us by ourselves.

1:00:50We're going to appear before the judgment seat of Christ that everyone may receive the things done in his body.

1:00:56According to that, he has done, whether it be good or bad.

1:01:00And certainly we spoke to the teachers about being rewarded for works, but all of us are gonna be rewarded for what we do with our body.

1:01:08And and, you know, we don't want to be appearing before the Lord, having joined the Lord's body to a prostitute.

1:01:17And that's what the Corinthian brethren were doing.

1:01:20Last verse of chapter 6, for you are bought with a price.

1:01:27So that's why, to the Romans, he said, this is your reasonable service.

1:01:31We've been bought with a price.

1:01:34Therefore, glorify God in your body.

1:01:37And in your spirit, which are gods.

1:01:41And with that, he ends what's on his mind.

1:01:46As he writes to these brethren.

1:01:49To speak with them.

1:01:52About the reports that he's been hearing.

1:01:55And being engaged in their relationship with God.

1:02:00He's speaking to them directly.

1:02:02And Now, having addressed The issue of Levin.

1:02:11And the priority of removing this leaven.

1:02:14Now he's gonna answer their questions.

1:02:16So God willing, tomorrow we'll get into chapter 7 and we'll begin to see what's on the mind, that's that's what's on Paul's mind.

1:02:24We'll see what is on the mind of the Corinthians, and let me just check the chat to see if there's anything that I need to address here.

1:02:33It looks like we froze on the video.

1:02:36But we're back.

1:02:37Very, very good.

1:02:38Very good, brethren.

1:02:40Thank you so much for joining us.

1:02:42Jesus is Lord.

1:02:44Happy feast of unleavened bread.

1:02:46God willing, we'll talk tomorrow.

1:02:48God bless.