**GET RID OF THE OLD YEAST**

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

Key Verse 5:7

*“Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.”*

1. Read verses 1-2. What disturbing report about the Corinthian Christians did Paul receive? What should they have done about it? What did they do instead? Why?
2. Read verses 3-5. How had Paul immediately taken action? On what basis did he do so? What did he command them to do (See also verses 2b, 11b, 13)? Why did they need to deal with this publicly and what was Paul’s purpose in casting him out (5)?
3. Read verse 6. How did their pride lead them to be negligent about this man’s sin? How serious is one person’s sin within the Christian fellowship? Think about the importance of influence.

1. Read verses 7-8. What were they to do, and for what purpose (7a)? To what does “the old yeast” refer (Ex 12:15)? How could they become “a new unleavened batch” (7b)? What does it mean to “keep the Festival” and how can we be a good influence (8)?
2. Read verses 9-13. How had they misunderstood Paul’s former instructions (9-10)? What did he really mean (11)? How should a Christian deal with immoral people outside the church and inside the church? What is different in either case and what do they have in common?