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¹¹ But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner—not even to eat with such a person.

¹² For what *have I to do* with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside?

¹³ But those who are outside God judges. Therefore "put away from yourselves the evil person."

1 Corinthians 5:11-13

INTRODUCTION

1. The Apostle Paul wraps up his teaching with this text
2. The focus here is with reference to keeping company with "brethren"

THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD

1. Becoming children of God
 - a) Through salvation in the Lord Jesus
 - b) We become children of God John 1:12
 - c) We become a "brotherhood" of believers
2. The lifestyle of believers
 - a) Purity
 - b) Righteousness
 - c) Holiness
 - d) Godliness

e) Salt, Light, City Matthew 5

THE WORLD AT LARGE

The world at large was described by the Apostle Paul

¹And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins,

² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

⁶ and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,

⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:1-7

- a) Dead in trespasses and sins
- b) Walking according to the course of this world
- c) Having a worldly lifestyle

DO NOT KEEP COMPANY WITH SINFUL BRETHREN

1. The sexually immoral
2. The covetous
3. An idolater

4. A reviler
5. A drunkard
6. An extortioner

PAUL'S CLEAR STANCE

1. To do not keep such company
2. Don't even eat with such a person!

JUDGMENT OF THE WORLD

1. Leave this to God
2. He will judge world

JUDGMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CHURCH

1. This is allowed for in the church
2. Where sin is obvious and proven

We cannot have any meaningful fellowship with "brethren" who choose to maintain an ungodly lifestyle

LESSONS FOR US TO PONDER OVER

1. Learn to be more discerning
2. Understand Church discipline
3. Maintain a strong godly lifestyle
4. Win sinful people to the Lord
5. But make sure godly principles are not adversely compromised