

Intro:

READ WLC Q&A 173.

Main Point of Text: Paul makes it clear that church discipline is necessary to keep the church's fellowship pure from worldly influence; this must sometimes include excommunication and suspension from the Lord's Supper.

Sermon Point: *With Some You Are Not to Eat.*

Move 1: Some have been given the responsibility of protecting your purity and Christ's honor.

LC: "may and ought to be kept from that sacrament, by the power which Christ hath left in his church":

- Must be members in good standing. Must be baptized. Ex. 12-13, Joshua 5 (must be circumcised before can take Passover).
- Power in Church: minister and elders. Mat. 7:6; 16:18; 18:15-20. "Fence table". Session Controlled, Restricted Communion. 1 Tim. 5:22.
- Steps of censure (WCF 30:3-4).

LC: "until they receive instruction and manifest their reformation." 2 Cor. 2:7-8. Refers to 1 Cor. 5:5.

Move 2: Some who do not live with the Church nor for Christ must not eat with them.

LC: "Such as are found to be ignorant or scandalous, notwithstanding their profession of the faith, and desire to come to the Lord's supper, may and ought to be kept from that sacrament":

- Ignorant: don't know basic information or do not agree with it. 1 Cor. 11:29.
- Scandalous (immoral): don't live a life that professes. Practice. 1 Cor. 11:27; Titus 1:16; Eph. 5:3-5.
- 1 Cor. 5:6-11:
 - Leaven/Lump: from Ex. 12-13, Passover Meal and Feast of Unleavened Bread. No more Egyptian influence! Continuity with this meal, Christ now being our Passover.
 - Vs. 7: "Cleanse", Greek for catheter. 1 Tim. 5:20.
 - Vs. 8: "sincerity": Greek, purity of motive. "Truth", Jn. 4:23-24.
 - Vss. 9-10, had written earlier not to mingle with fornicators (pornais). But now he explains can't be avoided in family, work, etc.
 - But fellowship of the Kingdom of Heaven must be guarded so as not polluted. No mingling/associating here with fornicators. Totally different fellowship meal.

Conclusion:

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