

A graphic header with a dark teal background on the left and a light blue background on the right. On the teal side, there are white geometric shapes: a line, a triangle, and a square. A large, stylized pink cross is positioned over the text. Below the cross are a purple heart and a yellow circle. The text 'The Gospel & Relationships' is written in a large, pink, sans-serif font, with '& Relationships' in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. On the light blue side, there is a black silhouette of a head with a pixelated, digital face. To the right of the head is a purple circle. The overall design is modern and abstract.

The Gospel & Relationships

JANUARY 8, 2023 / A HOLY COMMUNITY / 1 CORINTHIANS 5:1-13

THE GOSPEL AND RELATIONSHIPS IS PART TWO OF A LARGER STUDY WE BEGAN THIS PAST SEPTEMBER FROM THE BOOK OF 1 CORINTHIANS. WE COVERED 1 CORINTHIANS 1-4 IN A SERIES TITLED SEEING ALL OF LIFE THROUGH THE GOSPEL. THE PRESENT SERIES COVERS 1 CORINTHIANS 5-7. THERE IS NO MORE IMPORTANT PLACE FOR US TO LIVE OUT OUR FAITH THAN IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS. THE CHURCH IS TO BE A HOLY COMMUNITY WITHIN AN UNHOLY WORLD.

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 5:1-13.

1. What do you believe are the top reasons most non-Christians hold for not wanting to visit a church?
2. What is the Apostle Paul's primary concern in this chapter (1 Corinthians 5:2,6)?
3. What is the wrong thinking at the root of this congregation's lax attitude toward sin? (see Romans 3:7-8, Romans 6:1)
4. What are the primary dangers for a congregation with a lax attitude toward sin (1 Corinthians 5:6)? (see Matthew 5:13).
5. What is the church's most important resource in achieving a greater holiness and witness (1 Corinthians 5:4)? (see Matthew 18:20; Ephesians 3:20)
6. How does 1 Corinthians 5:12 challenge the way you see the church and the outside world in terms of living out your faith?

Holy Spirit, help me experience a greater holiness that I may show those around me a transformed life.