

Immorality in the Church



1 Corinthians 5:1-13

A different problem..

- Ch 1-4 Problem of Division
 - Report from Chloe's household
 - Contentions over different teachers
 - Wisdom of God foolishness to world

(PHILOSOPHICAL SINS)

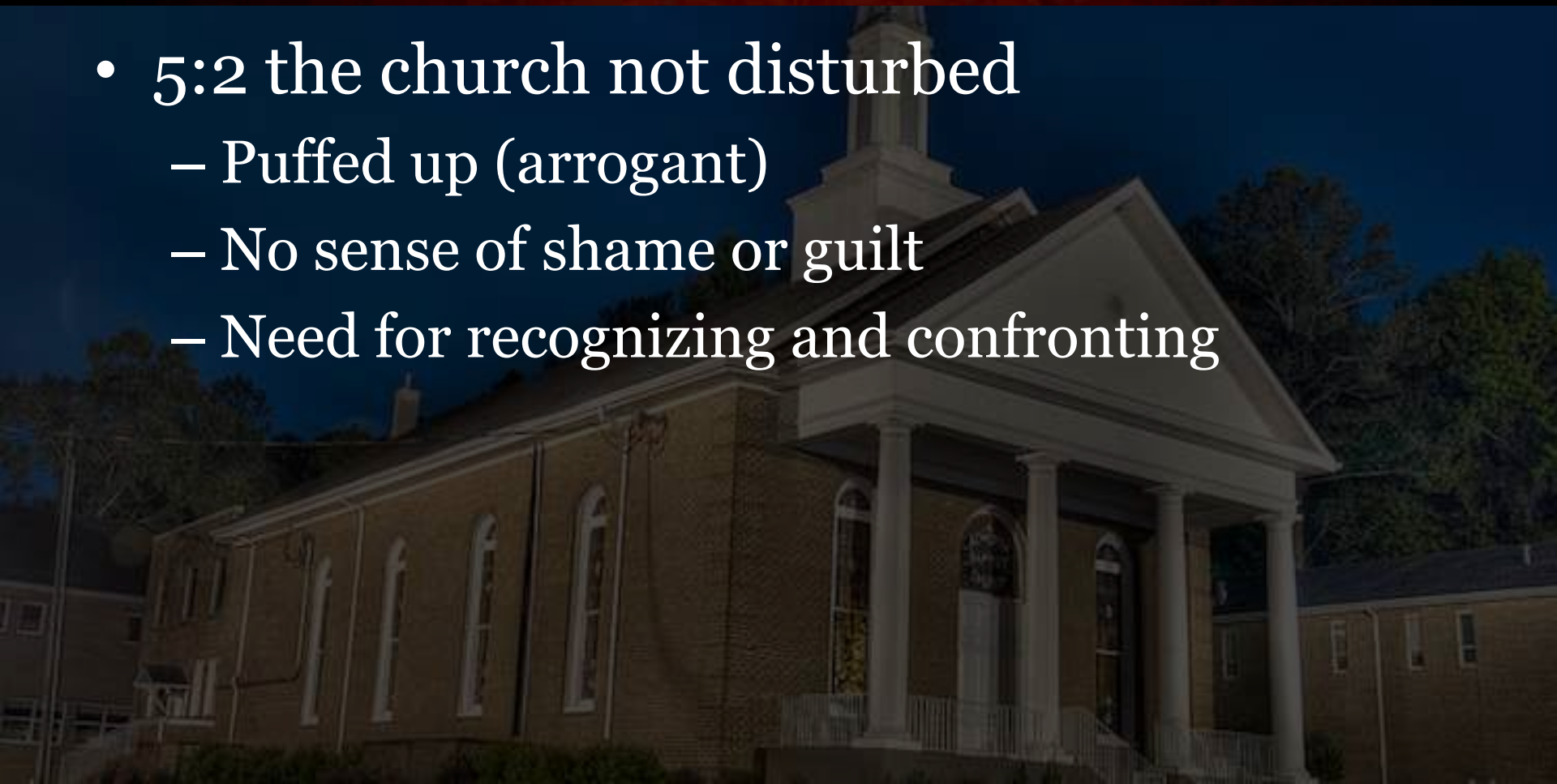
- Ch 5 Problem of Immorality
(FLESHLY PHYSICAL SINS)

1-2 A Shocking Sin..

- 5:1 a man living with his father's wife
 - The sin was well known
 - Still going on at present
 - A sin not acceptable to pagans

1-2 A Strange Response..

- 5:2 the church not disturbed
 - Puffed up (arrogant)
 - No sense of shame or guilt
 - Need for recognizing and confronting



3-5 Tough Love..

- 5:3 Paul's attitude
 - Absent but Judged the man guilty
 - Not same as critical judgmental spirit
- 5:4 Action for the church
 - Gather together to deal with
 - With power of Christ
 - Deliver to Satan (remove from church)

3-5 Tough Love..

- 5:5 Hopeful goal of repentance
 - Destruction of flesh (painful)
 - Spirit may be saved in day of Lord
 - Numbered with saints when Jesus returns

6-8 Why Sin Can't be Ignored..

- 5:6 Spread of leaven..
 - Sin unchecked will permeate church
 - Christ our Lamb offered Himself
 - Keep feast with purity and sincerity

9-13 An Important Clarification..

- 5:9 How to apply our relationships
 - Previous letter as to sexually immoral
 - Does not refer to those immoral in world
 - Separate from Christian disciplined by church
 - Leave those outside for God to judge

Important principles..

- Never judge non-Christians by Christian standards
- Infiltrate the world – not isolate from it
- Church discipline applies to church – not your family
- The purpose is restoration, not punishment

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