

# The Erosion of Unholy Behavior

Building His Church—The Ekklesia (Called-Out) Wall: Part 4

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## 1 Corinthians 12:27

*Now you are the Body of Christ, and each one of you is part of it.*

- **Definition of Ekklesia:**
- **Definition of Holy:**

## Principles of Holy Living as the Ekklesia

### 1. There is eternal forgiveness with lifestyle \_\_\_\_\_.

*Acts 15:11 "We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are."*

*1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.*

*Philippians 2:12-13 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose*

- Who is God?
- Who am I now in Christ?

### 2. We are called to a covenant relationship with lifestyle \_\_\_\_\_.

*Romans 12:1-2 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

*Ephesians 4:14 – 5:20*

- Who is God?
- Who am I now in Christ?
- How am I now to live?

### 3. We are given Christian liberty with lifestyle \_\_\_\_\_.

*1 Corinthians 6:12 "I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but I will not be mastered by anything.*

*1 Corinthians 10:23 "I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but not everything is constructive.*

- Who is God?
- What am I responsible for as His child?

### 4. But idolatry is always \_\_\_\_\_.

*Acts 15:28-29 It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements: <sup>29</sup> You are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality. You will do well to avoid these things.*

*1 Peter 2:15-16 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; <sup>16</sup> for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."*

*Leviticus 20:7 "Set yourselves apart to be holy, for I am the Lord your God."*

- Who is God?
- What is the line in the sand for me?



## Digging Deeper

*(for group study and conversation, and for personal reflection)*

What were the rules of “Christian behavior” that you understood when you were young? Give the background of why those behavioral rules were in place. *(5 minutes)*

Review the terms “**Ekklesia**” and “**holy**” as a group to make sure we all know what they mean. *(5 minutes)*

Spend some time reviewing the four **principles of holy living in the Ekklesia** from this morning’s teaching. Make sure we have a clear understanding of what they mean. *(15 minutes)*

Review the major points made in today’s study. Use the verses highlighted as well as other places in Scripture that help give you direction. Discuss the implications. *(20 minutes)*

- **Who is God?**
- **Who am I now in Christ?**
- **How am I now to live?**

What does a **covenant relationship** with God really mean? How does this truth need to change your life now? *(5 minutes)*

Does your lifestyle carry any responsibility in being the Body of Christ in this broken world? If so, how? Use 1 Corinthians 6:12 & 10:23 as your starting point. *(10 minutes)*

### LOOKING AHEAD

**Bonus for your group and/or individual reflection:** Look at the major lifestyle issues addressed in the scripture passages below. Don’t dig deeply, but instead just notice how many there are. Reflect on how you can understand these issues better using the principles of holy living. (There are many more verses. This is just a starter.)

- 1 Corinthians 5-9
- Ephesians 4-6
- Matthew 5-7

### READING AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK

- Acts 10-15
- 1 Corinthians 5-9
- Exodus 20