

Disassociation

Christians in relation to sin - 1 John 1:5-6 - 5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we claim to have fellowship with him yet WALK in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.

Walk - peripateo (per-ee-pat-eh'-o); to live.

*** Due to our flesh we have sin in us but we must not live in sin**

We are to not participate in wickedness but expose it - Eph 5:11-12 - 11 **Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.** 12 For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret.

When there is repentance, we are to forgive...always - Luke 17:3-4 - "If your brother sins, REBUKE HIM, and if he repents, forgive him. 4 If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, 'I repent,' forgive him."

***There are times when a Christian's life accepts sin(s) and in these cases we must disassociate.**

*****TAKE NOTE- disassociation is for those Christians that openly live in sin NOT for those we suspect of living in sin!**

REASONS TO DISASSOCIATE

Disassociation is the God given mandate towards Christians who insist on living in sin, not non-Christians - 1 Cor 5:9-13 - 9 I have written you in my letter **not to associate with sexually immoral people**— 10 not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. 11 But now I am writing you that you **MUST NOT ASSOCIATE** with anyone **WHO CALLS HIMSELF A BROTHER** but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man **do not even eat.** 12 What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? 13 God will judge those outside. "**Expel the wicked man from among you.**"

Churches are to take note and act accordingly - 1 Cor 5:1-3 - It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that does not occur even among pagans: A man has his father's wife. 2 And you are proud! Shouldn't you rather have been filled with grief and have put out of your fellowship the man who did this?

Disassociation is the God given mandate done also to Christians who purposely ignore the Bible -

2 Thess 3:6 In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers, to **KEEP AWAY** from every brother who is idle and does not live according to the teaching you received from us.

2 Thess 3:14 If anyone **does not obey our instruction** in this letter, take special note of him **Do not associate with him...**

God commands us to disconnect with those who preach words not from God - Eph 5:6-7 - 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. 7 Therefore do not be partners with them.

God's answer for "Christians" who holds unbiblical beliefs - Titus 3:9-11 - 9 But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless. 10 Warn a divisive person once, and then warn him a second time. After that, HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH HIM. 11 You may be sure that such a man is warped and sinful; **HE IS SELF-CONDEMNED.** (*heretic)

We have been warned that false teachers will exist; given descriptions of what they will do; and HOW OUR RELATIONSHIP SHOULD BE WITH THEM - 2 John 9-11 - 9 Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take him into your house or welcome him. 11 Anyone who welcomes him shares in his wicked work.

WHY IS DISASSOCIATION NECESSARY?

We disassociate to save one that goes astray -

2 Thess 3:14 ... **Do not associate with him**, in order that he may feel ashamed.

2 Thess 3:15 Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.

To protect us from being led astray - 1 John 3:7-10 - 7 Dear children, **DO NOT LET ANYONE LEAD YOU ASTRAY.** He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. 8 He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. 9 No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. 10 **THIS IS HOW WE KNOW who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are:** Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.

It is the churches responsibility that the body does not allow a wicked person to grow in the church to avoid corruption to others - Heb 12:15 See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and DEFILE MANY. (Deut 29:18)

For those that seem to be playing games with God need to be reminded WHO they are playing with—

God can't be played - Gal 6:7-8 - 7 **Do not be deceived: GOD CANNOT BE MOCKED.** A man reaps what he sows. 8 The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

You are playing with fire -Heb 10:26-27 - 26 If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, 27 but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.