



# GULF SHORES

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Sunday Morning Message for June 4, 2017 by Ray Reynolds

## ***Lesson #5 = Saints Can Overcome... Problems Regarding Purity (I Corinthians 5)***

Introduction: This Sunday morning series on I Corinthians is entitled: "SAINTS CAN OVERCOME." Before addressing the problems in Corinth... Paul called them "saints" (I **Corinthians 1:2**). He knew they could overcome their problems if they focused on positive things. Today we will talk about how to overcome problems regarding purity. Please open your Bible to I Corinthians chapter 5. Let's read and study together...

### Discussion:

#### ***I. What Is The Problem?***

- Compromise encouraged incest in the church.  
I **Corinthians 5:1-5**, **Ephesians 5:3**, **II Timothy 2:22**, **I Thessalonians 4:3**
- Complications encouraged inaction in the church.  
I **Corinthians 5:6-8**, **II Corinthians 2:1-11**, **Exodus 12:15**, **James 1:15**
- Conflict encouraged impurity in the church.  
I **Corinthians 5:9-13**, **15:33**, **Ephesians 5:11, 27**, **Philippians 2:15**,  
**II Thessalonians 3:6**

#### ***II. How Can We Overcome It?***

- Purity keeps us sanctified in relation to our God.  
I **Corinthians 5:4**, **Romans 15:16**, **I Thessalonians 3:4-8**, **I Peter 1:14-16**, **2:9**
- Purity gives us self-control in relation to ourselves.  
I **Corinthians 5:6**, **7:5, 9**, **Galatians 5:23**, **Ephesians 5:22-23**, **II Peter 1:6**
- Purity helps us stabilize in relation to others.  
I **Corinthians 5:9-11**, **6:9-11**, **Romans 13:14**, **Ephesians 5:3-5**, **I Timothy 1:9-11**

Conclusion: The problems in Corinth were deep rooted, but they could be solved. They needed to learn the benefits of holiness. Saints can overcome problems with purity. We need to redirect our focus toward Jesus Christ. Are you seeking things that corrupt you or purify you? Are you seeking the will of God? We are Saints. We can overcome.