

Message Notes

"Sex and the City...of Corinth - pt 1"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – *"Oh boy! A new problem!"*

Sex and the City... of Corinth!! (part one)

The new problem – part one

1 Corinthians 5:1

Leviticus 20:11 / Deuteronomy 22:30

The new problem – part two

1 Corinthians 5:2

The solution to part one of the problem

1 Corinthians 5:3-5

Matthew 18:15-20

2 Timothy 2:24-26

The solution to part two of the problem

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Exodus 12:12-15

The possible misunderstanding of the solution to part two of the problem

1 Corinthians 5:9-11

Expect unregenerate behavior from unregenerate people AND regenerate behavior from regenerate people

1 Corinthians 5:12-13

Application – *Do you take sin seriously in your life?*

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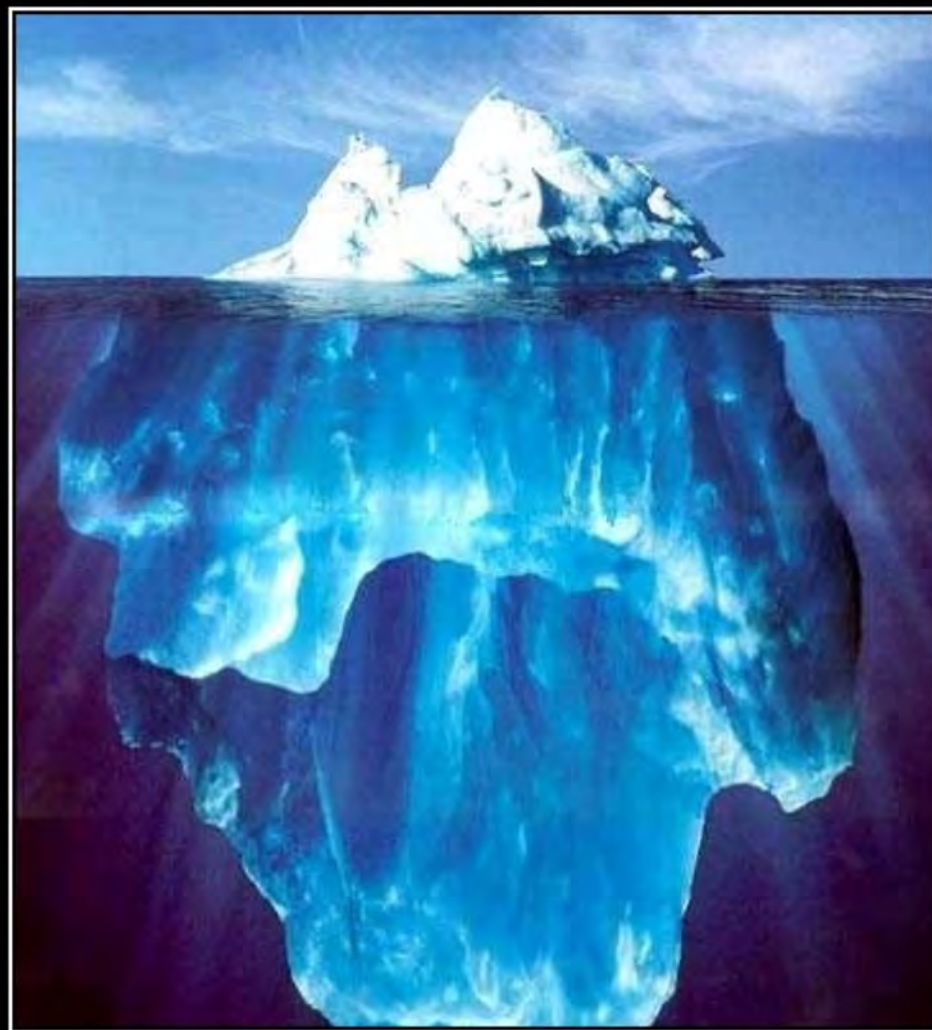
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*What's at the root of
all these divisions?*

1. *A wrong view of people comparison / ranking*
2. *An “over-realized eschatology”*
3. *No father figure in their lives*
4. *Arrogance*



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“It is illegal to marry a father’s or mother’s sister; neither can I marry her who has been *quondam* (formerly? at one time? ever?) my mother-in-law or stepmother.”

Gaius, *Institutes*, 1: 63; Eng. ed., J. Muirhead, *The Institutes of Gaius and Rules of Ulpian* (Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1880) 2425.

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Cicero (1st Century Roman philosopher, statesman and lawyer) states that he is disgusted when a “mother-in-law marries son-in-law.... Oh, to think of the woman’s sin, unbelievable, unheard of.... To think that she did not quail (*meaning- to recoil in dread or terror*)!”

~ Cicero, Pro Cluentio 5.27; rpt. Speeches, Loeb Library (Lat. and Eng., Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1927), 237.

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