

Spiritual Fornication

The answer to the above question is crucial to understand the implications and consequences of Spiritual Fornication in the Church. Christians are warned many times in the New Testament to avoid and abstain from Fornication. However, it soon becomes obvious to many Bible students that the sin of Fornication as described in the New Testament Epistles is referring to more than the fleshly sinful act of sexual immorality among the unmarried. It can be determined that reference to Fornication in the Epistles is often associated with a sinful spiritual activity other than the immorality of the flesh because of the context. This activity is commonly referred to as "Spiritual Fornication".

Understanding and identifying "Spiritual Fornication" is necessary to grasp the meaning and heed the warnings contained in Scripture. This importance is climaxed when we observe that The Church of Thyatira in Revelation chapter 2 is involved in both adultery and fornication. The fact that these sins are Spiritual is obvious from the context. This passage alone makes a distinction between what is known as "Spiritual Adultery" and "Spiritual Fornication". Our focus in this Bible topic study is on Spiritual Fornication whereas Spiritual Adultery is covered in another Bible topic study.

From a previous Bible topic study on "Adultery and Fornication- What's the Difference?", we learned that in the Flesh, the difference between the two depends on the Marital status (RELATIONSHIP) of the OFFENDER.

Fornication => Illicit Sexual relationship by an unmarried person (Single, divorced, widowed or "betrothed" (engaged) Adultery => Illicit Sexual relationship by a Married person (Currently married - previously married is irrelevant)

We also learned that in the Physical and Fleshly realm, the "ACT" of Fornication and the "ACT" of Adultery is IDENTICAL. They are both acts of illicit sexual immorality - - -.

THE ACT of FORNICATION = THE ACT of ADULTERY

Unlike the Physical realm, Gender is not a factor in Spiritual Fornication. The focal point is no longer centered on illicit sexual Man/Woman relationships but is on the single most important Christ/Man relationship. Needless to say, both Spiritual Adultery and Spiritual Fornication involve an illicit relationship with the Kingdom (body of Christ, the Church). It will be shown in this Bible topic study series that in the spiritual realm, the "ACT" of Fornication and the "ACT" of Adultery is also IDENTICAL. The difference between the two depends on the RELATIONSHIP of the OFFENDER to Jesus Christ.

A relationship with Jesus Christ either exists or doesn't exist. A person is either "Born Again" or Not "Born Again". You are in the Kingdom of God or Not in the Kingdom of God. You are of his sheep or Not of his sheep. There is no middle ground concerning a person and their RELATIONSHIP to Jesus Christ. Through the new birth, You are either a Child of God or NOT a child of God.

The issue of Fellowship is different from the issue of Relationship with Jesus Christ. For growing and maturing Christians, Fellowship increases and improves over some time through the Believer's increasing knowledge and

understanding of His Word by the Grace of God and by the working power of the Holy Spirit through revelation.

John 16

12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will tell you things to come.

14 He will glorify Me, for He will TAKE OF WHAT IS MINE and DECLARE IT TO YOU.

15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

If you have not reviewed the Bible Topic Study --- "What is Spiritual Adultery?", please do so now before proceeding. The Bible Student must grasp the meaning of Spiritual Adultery before proceeding, therefore, That Topic Study is a prerequisite for this study.

Before examining "Spiritual Fornication", it is necessary to review the nature and act of "Spiritual Adultery". From our previous topic study on "Spiritual Adultery", we learned that the definition and the act were described in the Gospel records by our Lord Jesus. Spiritual Fornication was not specifically defined nor the act specifically described in the Gospel records as was Spiritual Adultery.

From the Gospel records, we can determine what Spiritual Fornication is by observing the correlation between Adultery and Fornication in the Flesh. The same type of correlation will exist between Spiritual Adultery and Spiritual Fornication. The New Testament Epistles will confirm this correlation because the Epistles supplement the Gospels in every way and that no contradictions exist.

FORNICATION & ADULTERY CORRELATIONS

Our priority in this topic study is to determine what the act and sin of "Spiritual Fornication" is.

The sin has already been identified in the Bible Topic Study on What is Spiritual Adultery? That study is a prerequisite for this study. Spiritual Fornication is the same as Spiritual Adultery with only one difference separating the two.

Matthew 5:32 (KJV)

But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of FORNICATION, causeth her to commit ADULTERY: and whosoever shall marry her that is Divorced committeth ADULTERY.

1 Cor 7

32 But I want you to be without care. He who is UNMARRIED (Saved) cares for the things of the Lord--how he may please the Lord.

33 But he who is MARRIED (Unsaved) cares about the things of the world--how he may please his wife.

The correlations are as follows - - -

In the Flesh:
FORNICATION => UNMARRIED
ADULTERY => MARRIED

In the Spirit:

FORNICATION => UNMARRIED => BELIEVER
ADULTERY => MARRIED => UNBELIEVER

It will be shown that "THE ACT" of Spiritual Fornication and "THE ACT" of Spiritual Adultery is the same. The difference between the two depends on the offender's "Salvation Status" or Relationship to Christ.

THE ACT of Spiritual Fornication = THE ACT of Spiritual Adultery

A quick review of Spiritual Adultery is as follows - - -

OVERVIEW OF SPIRITUAL ADULTERY

Matthew 12:39

But He answered and said to them, "An EVIL and ADULTEROUS generation seeks after a SIGN, and no SIGN will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.

Matthew 16:4

A WICKED and ADULTEROUS generation seeks after a SIGN, and NO SIGN shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah." And He left them and departed.

Our first view of Spiritual Adultery reveals that it has to do with the action of SEEKING SIGNS and is attributable to UNBELIEVERS.

THE "ACT"

Spiritual Adultery is manifested in the request for Signs, Wonders, and Miracles by the unbelieving Jews. Therefore, we can conclude that - - -

THE "ACT" of SPIRITUAL ADULTERY => SEEKING AFTER SIGNS

By correlation, the same is true for Spiritual Fornication - - -

THE "ACT" of SPIRITUAL FORNICATION => SEEKING AFTER SIGNS

THE ADULTEROUS GENERATION

In the Gospel records, our Lord confronts the Unbelieving Scribes, Pharisees, and Sadducees. Jesus is no longer referring to Adultery which is in the flesh and has to do with illicit man/woman relationships and which was condemned in the Old Testament - "Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery". His reference to Adultery in the following takes on a new and different meaning. The Adultery of which our Lord is speaking will be referred to as, "Spiritual Adultery" - - -

The following verses describe the characteristics of the Unbelieving Jews

(Adulterers) who are seeking after Signs - - -

Matthew 12:39

But He answered and said to them, "An EVIL and ADULTEROUS generation seeks after a SIGN, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.

Therefore,

(1) SPIRITUAL ADULTERY => EVIL GENERATION

Matthew 16:4

A WICKED and ADULTEROUS generation seeks after a SIGN, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah." And He left them and departed.

Therefore,

(2) SPIRITUAL ADULTERY => WICKED GENERATION

Mark 8

11 Then the Pharisees came out and began to dispute with Him, seeking from Him a SIGN FROM HEAVEN, testing Him.

12 But He sighed deeply in His spirit, and said, "Why does this generation SEEK A SIGN? Assuredly, I say to you, NO SIGN SHALL BE GIVEN TO THIS GENERATION."

38 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My WORDS in this ADULTEROUS and SINFUL generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

Therefore,

(3) SPIRITUAL ADULTERY => SINFUL GENERATION

and

(4) SPIRITUAL ADULTERY => REJECT WORD OF GOD

Matthew 16

1 Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came and testing Him asked that He would show them a SIGN FROM HEAVEN.

2 He answered and said to them, "When it is an evening you say, "It will be fair weather, for the sky is red";

3 and in the morning, "It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening." HYPOCRITES! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.

Therefore,

(5) SPIRITUAL ADULTERY => HYPOCRITES

Matthew 24:24

24 "For false Christs and false prophets will rise and show great SIGNS and WONDERS to DECEIVE, if possible, even the elect.

Therefore,

(6) SPIRITUAL ADULTERY => DECEPTION

John 4:48

Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see SIGNS and WONDERS, you will by no means BELIEVE."

Therefore,

(7) SPIRITUAL ADULTERY => UNBELIEVERS

While Spiritual Adultery is associated with UNBELIEVERS, Spiritual Fornication is associated with BELIEVERS. However, the "ACT" is the same !!

That is . . .

SPIRITUAL ADULTERY = SEEKING SIGNS => UNBELIEVERS
SPIRITUAL FORNICATION = SEEKING SIGNS => BELIEVERS

The Seeking for signs in the Church is closely related to the miracle works that our Lord did - - -

We can summarize to this point the characteristic traits of the (SPIRITUAL) ADULTERERS as follows - - -

1) Evil 4) Reject Word of God 7) UNBELIEVERS 2) Wicked 5) Hypocrites 3) Sinful 6) Deceivers

The same will be true for (SPIRITUAL) Fornicators except as follows - - - -

1) --- 4) Reject Word of God 7) BELIEVERS 2) --- 5) Hypocrites 3) Sinful 6) Deceivers

The difference is based on a person's relationship to Christ. The terms Evil and Wicked are associated with the unsaved (unbelievers), whereas sinful can be associated with both the saved and unsaved (believers and unbelievers). Jesus does not associate with Spiritual Adulterers nor fellowship with Spiritual Fornicators . . .

Matthew 16:4

A WICKED and ADULTEROUS generation seeks after a SIGN, and NO SIGN shall be given to it except the SIGN of the prophet Jonah." , - - -

"AND HE LEFT THEM AND DEPARTED"

ADULTERY AND LEAVEN

The Leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees - - -

Matthew 16

5 Now when His disciples had come to the other side, they had forgotten to

take bread.

6 Then Jesus said to them, "Take heed and BEWARE of the LEAVEN of the Pharisees and the Sadducees."

7 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "It is because we have taken no bread."

8 But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, "O you of little faith, why do you reason among yourselves because you have brought no bread?"

9 Do you not yet understand, or remember the five loaves of the five thousand and how many baskets you took up?

10 Nor the seven loaves of the four thousand and how many large baskets you took up?

11 How is it you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread? -but to BEWARE of the LEAVEN of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

12 Then they understood that He did not tell them to beware of the LEAVEN of bread, but the DOCTRINE of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Having previously proved that the "Act" of Spiritual Adultery is Seeking after Signs by the Unbelieving Jews, Jesus now introduces a new correlation which is associated with Spiritual Adultery or the Seeking of Signs - - -

SPIRITUAL ADULTERY => LEAVEN of PHARISEES & SADDUCEES

Spiritual Adultery is associated with LEAVEN and the Leaven is the SEEKING of SIGNS, and the disciples are warned to BEWARE of it.

Beware of the Leaven of the Pharisees and Herod

Mark 8

11 Then the Pharisees came out and began to dispute with Him, seeking from Him a SIGN FROM HEAVEN, testing Him.

12 But He sighed deeply in His spirit, and said, "Why does this generation seek a SIGN? Assuredly, I say to you, NO SIGN shall be given to this generation."

13 And He LEFT THEM, and getting into the boat again, departed to the other side.

14 Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread, and they did not have more than one loaf with them in the boat.

15 Then He charged them, saying, "Take heed, BEWARE of the LEAVEN of the Pharisees and the LEAVEN of HEROD."

16 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, " It is because we have no bread."

17 But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, "Why do you reason because you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive nor understand? Is your heart still hardened?"

18 Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember?"

19 When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments did you take up? They said to Him, Twelve."

20 "Also, when I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many large baskets full of fragments did you take up?" And they said, "Seven."

21 So He said to them, "HOW IS IT YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND?"

Understand what?

They did not understand that the SIGNS FROM HEAVEN which the Jews were

requesting had been given them in THE BREAKING OF BREAD

John 6:51

I am the LIVING BREAD which came down FROM HEAVEN. If anyone eats of this BREAD, he will LIVE FOREVER; and the BREAD that I shall give is MY FLESH, which I shall give for the life of the world."

Leaven is associated with Seeking for Signs. The correlation we can now make is that - - -

SPIRITUAL ADULTERY = SEEKING SIGNS => LEAVEN

Luke 11

29 And while the crowds were thickly gathered together, He began to say, "THIS IS AN EVIL GENERATION. IT SEEKS A SIGN, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet.

30 For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be to this generation.

31 The queen of the South will rise in the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here.

32 The men of Nineveh will rise in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.

The point of Jesus statements above is that - -

Spiritual Adultery or the "Seeking of Signs" is in contrast to the "Wisdom of Solomon" Spiritual Adultery or the "Seeking of Signs" is in contrast to the "Preaching of Jonah" Spiritual Adultery or the "Seeking of Signs" is in contrast to the "Teaching of Jesus"

Therefore, as shown above, Spiritual Adultery works as Leaven, and Leaven, the Seeking of Signs, is OPPOSED to the Word of God.

LEAVEN AND HYPOCRISY

The "Act" of Spiritual Adultery, Seeking of Signs, works as Leaven in the Kingdom (The Church). Jesus now turns our attention away from the EFFECT that Spiritual Adultery has in the Kingdom to focus on the main ingredient of Leaven. In other words, we can think of Leaven as having a primary ingredient and is a source for its permeating effect throughout the Kingdom.

Luke 12:1

In the meantime, when an innumerable multitude of people had gathered together so that they trampled one another, He began to say to His disciples first of all, "BEWARE of the LEAVEN of the Pharisees, which is HYPOCRISY.

Another correlation that develops is that the very nature of the LEAVEN is based on Hypocrisy. Therefore - -

SPIRITUAL ADULTERY => LEAVEN => HYPOCRISY

The EFFECT or WORKING of Spiritual Adultery is similar to the EFFECT that Leaven has when placed into bread. The basic ingredient or substance in the Leaven is Hypocrisy !!

This correlation links the effect of Spiritual Adultery to the ones who Practice Spiritual Adultery. You recall that in the reference verses above, Jesus included their characteristic nature as HYPOCRITES. Therefore their Seeking for Signs (Leaven) within the Kingdom (The Church) is based on HYPOCRISY.

Jesus has now established firm correlations between Adultery, Signs, Wonders and Miracles and Leaven - -

SPIRITUAL ADULTERY => UNBELIEVERS => LEAVEN => HYPOCRISY
(Seeking for Signs)

By correlation - - -

SPIRITUAL FORNICATION => BELIEVERS => LEAVEN => HYPOCRISY
(Seeking for Signs)

SPIRITUAL ADULTERY AND DOCTRINE

Next, Jesus is going to reveal the method by which Spiritual Adultery will propagate itself. Similar to a computer virus, Leaven must have a program to infiltrate the Kingdom (The Church). In other words, if there was no motivational force or program to continue the spread of Spiritual Adultery, then it is just as likely that this undesirable Effect on the Kingdom could and would just expire. The Pharisees and Sadducees to whom Jesus addressed could be the last generation that was ever charged with the sin of Spiritual Adultery. This is not the case however, Spiritual Adultery will grow and spread throughout the Kingdom similar to the action of Leaven. The dynamo behind the sin of (Spiritual) Adultery is described as follows - - -

Matthew 16

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6 Then Jesus said to them, "Take heed and BEWARE of the LEAVEN of the Pharisees and the Sadducees." - -

11 How is it you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread? -but to BEWARE of the LEAVEN of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

12 Then they understood that He did not tell them to BEWARE of the LEAVEN of bread, but of the DOCTRINE of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Jesus has now revealed the nature of this virus if you will, the method for propagating Spiritual Adultery. His disciples were able to interpret Jesus' reference to Leaven as Doctrine (Teaching) by these unbelieving Jews. The resultant correlation is now - -

SPIRITUAL ADULTERY (acts as) LEAVEN (propagates by) DOCTRINE

SPIRITUAL ADULTERY AND DECEPTION

Mark 8

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Him a SIGN from heaven, testing Him.

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14 Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread, and they did not have more than one loaf with them in the boat.

15 Then He charged them, saying, "Take heed, BEWARE of the LEAVEN of the Pharisees and the LEAVEN of Herod."

If the disciples fail to Take Heed and BEWARE, then they will become victims of the doctrine. Another correlation that develops is that the OBJECTIVE of the LEAVEN is DECEPTION.

Therefore the correlations now include - - -

SPIRITUAL ADULTERY

(Seeking for Signs)

=> UNBELIEVERS

=> LEAVEN

=> HYPOCRISY

=> DECEPTION

The action of the above can be expressed as - - -

SPIRITUAL ADULTERY

(acts as) LEAVEN

(propagates by) DOCTRINE

(yields) DECEPTION

By correlation, - - -

SPIRITUAL FORNICATION

(acts as) LEAVEN

(propagates by) DOCTRINE

(yields) DECEPTION

The Leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees and Herod is going to exist in the Kingdom of God and propagate itself throughout the Kingdom by DOCTRINE (Teaching). This virus, this Leaven, will permeate itself throughout the Kingdom by the TEACHING of ITSELF !!! However, from the recipient's standpoint, this doctrine cannot propagate unless the hearers of the Doctrine are Deceived. Therefore, the objective and plan for the use of Leaven are - - - DECEPTION.

DOCTRINE OF LEAVEN AND THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Our Lord presents the issue of Spiritual Adultery as being associated with LEAVEN. The reason for doing so is that this undesirable and sinful DOCTRINE will infiltrate the Kingdom of Heaven (The Church) similar to the action that LEAVEN has in a meal (bread). This doctrine will have a permeating effect until the whole lump of BREAD (Word of God) is LEAVENED (Corrupted) and the members DECEIVED. This is the characteristic effect that Spiritual Adultery and Spiritual Fornication will have in the Church. The Church HE is talking about is NOT the entire Church but is

the Church of Thyatira described in Revelation Chapter 2.

If only there was a parable to describe this Leaven effect in the Church !!

Behold! --- Our Lord gave a parable to demonstrate the analogy between Spiritual Adultery which is Leaven and the effect it will have on the Kingdom of Heaven (The Church). The FOURTH Kingdom of Heaven Parable that Jesus told in Matthew 13 is - - -

Matthew 13:33

Another parable He spoke to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like LEAVEN, which a WOMAN took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."

This parable correlates directly to the FOURTH of seven Churches described in Revelation and is

THE CHURCH OF THYATIRA

This Church is involved in both Spiritual Adultery and Spiritual Fornication. In this Church, the Leaven is actively working and will work until the whole lump of bread (The Word of God) is Leavened. Completion will occur just before our Lord's return.

The "ACT" of Spiritual Adultery and the "ACT" of Spiritual Fornication ARE the same things! !!

SPIRITUAL FORNICATION DEFINED

From the above proofs, it can be readily determined that Spiritual Adultery and Spiritual Fornication is the Seeking after Signs with all of its attributes and characteristics and effect. Therefore, the definition of importance which is necessary to properly understand and interpret the Scriptures which relate to Fornication is - - -

SPIRITUAL FORNICATION is the seeking of SIGNS WONDERS
MIRACLES by BELIEVERS

Just as Physical Adultery is associated with the married only, Spiritual Adultery is associated with Unbelievers only---

Just as Physical Fornication is associated with the unmarried only, Spiritual Fornication is associated with Believers only---

Therefore, the definitions for each are as follows - - -

Spiritual Adultery => Belief, Promotion, or Practice of Signs Wonders, and Miracles in The Church by an Unbeliever
Spiritual Fornication => Belief, Promotion, or Practice of Signs, Wonders, and Miracles in The Church by a Believer

SPIRITUAL FORNICATION VERSUS PHYSICAL FORNICATION

Spiritual Fornication mentioned above is attributable to Believers only, the

Saved, the Redeemed, a Child of God, etc.

Physical Fornication is "OF THE FLESH". Similarly, Spiritual Fornication is also "OF THE FLESH".

While Physical Fornication is "Sexual" through unfaithfulness, Spiritual Fornication is "Sensual" through hypocrisy.

THE PENALTY FOR SPIRITUAL FORNICATION

Under "The Mosaic Law", Fornication did not demand the Death penalty, but there was a price to pay: . . .

Exodus 22:16-17

16 "If a man ENTICES a virgin who is not betrothed, and lies with her, he shall surely PAY the bride price for her to be his wife.

17 If her father utterly refuses to give her to him, he shall PAY MONEY according to the bride price of virgins.

Under the New Covenant, Spiritual Fornication also incurs a penalty. The spiritual price to pay for a Christian committing Spiritual Fornication is found two places in scripture - - -

The PENALTY for committing or practicing Spiritual Fornication is reviewed and discussed in the next Bible Topic Study entitled, The Christian and Spiritual Fornication.

The belief, teaching, and practice of Spiritual Fornication which involves "Signs, Wonders, and Miracles" is a dynamic effort on the part of the offender and is opposed to the working of the Holy Spirit. By hypocrisy, the Spiritual Fornicators attempt to duplicate the miracles of Jesus, the apostles, and the spiritual gifts dispersed to disciples to BEGIN the church.

Christians are COMMANDED to not practice or be involved with Spiritual Fornication - - -

1 Cor 6:18

Flee sexual immorality (FORNICATION). Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality (FORNICATION) sins against his own body.

Also, we learned previously that Fornication under Mosaic Law required a price to pay - - -

Commit Physical Fornication => Pay cash price (Bride Price)

Spiritual Fornication under the New Covenant also requires a Spiritual price to pay.

Commit Spiritual Fornication => Pay Spiritual Price

SUMMARY

Fornication is committed by BELIEVERS (Born Again) who have developed a

SENSUAL RELATIONSHIP with Christ's Body, the Church through Signs, Wonders, and Miracles. Any such relationship is illicit, immoral, of the Flesh, and is called Spiritual Fornication and is based on and executed in Hypocrisy.

Believers are Never referred to as having committed ADULTERY when it is spiritual. Can Believers commit Adultery in the physical sense? Of course, they can, and this is condemned in both the Old and New Testaments.

The traits or aspects of Spiritual Adultery and Spiritual Fornication are compared as follows - - -

TRAITS SPIRITUAL ADULTERY SPIRITUAL FORNICATION
The Act => Seeking Signs - - - - - Seeking Signs
The Character => Wicked - - - - -
Sinful
The Offenders => Unbelievers - - - - - Believers
The Effect => Leaven -
- - - - - Leaven
The Method => Doctrine - - - - - Doctrine
The Basis => Hypocrisy - - - - - Hypocrisy
The Objective => Deception - - - - -
Deception

The difference between Spiritual Adultery and Spiritual Fornication based on the gospel accounts and the correlation between the two is as follows - -

ADULTERY => UNBELIEVER (The Offenders-Wicked) (The Act) => LEAVEN (The Effect)

(Seeking Signs) => HYPOCRISY (The Basis) => DOCTRINE (The Method) => DECEPTION (The Objective)
FORNICATION => BELIEVER (The Offenders-Sinful) (The Act) => LEAVEN (The Effect)
(Seeking Signs) => HYPOCRISY (The Basis) => DOCTRINE (The Method) => DECEPTION (The Objective)

Spiritual Adultery and Spiritual Fornication both include - - -Belief in Signs, Wonders, & Miracles
Promotional teaching of Signs, Wonders, & Miracles
Practice of Signs, Wonders, & Miracles

Now, one of the ten commandments takes on an even greater significance when we realize its application for Unbelievers - - -

Exodus 20:14

YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY

For the Church, the warning is to beware and avoid UNBELIEVERS of which could be said - - -

YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT SPIRITUAL ADULTERY

CONCLUSION

We now know that the Doctrine of Leaven which our Lord was referring to has to do with the Seeking of Signs, Wonders, and Miracles. These teachers cloaked in hypocrisy will propagate this doctrine by corrupting the Word of God and thus deceive the members.

This appears to be what is happening today as the KEY for obtaining,

witnessing or performing signs, wonders, and miracles is based on KNOWLEDGE of the Word of God. The average Church member just entering a Church which promotes this doctrine was previously unaware of these things until they became EDUCATED to the Word of God and only then can they share in the supposed working of the Holy Spirit, that is, the EXPERIENCE of SIGNS, WONDERS, and MIRACLES !!

Spiritual Fornicators are working side-by-side with Spiritual Adulterers in the Church to fulfill the prophecy that the whole bread will be LEAVENED - - -

Matthew 13:33

Another parable He spoke to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like LEAVEN, which a WOMAN took and hid in three measures of meal till it was ALL Leavened."