

**Shayla:**

What happens to someone who dies while “turned over to Satan”?

- [1 Corinthians 5:4-5 HCSB \(4\)](#) In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, along with my spirit and with the power of our Lord Jesus, [\(5\)](#) turn that one over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the Day of the Lord.

**Midrash:**

This passage addresses church discipline. The person who is justly excommunicated from the church is removed from the protecting hedge that the Lord places around His children. As Satan asked for that hedge to be removed from Job so that he could attack Job, so the church may deliver a recalcitrant brother over to Satan. The hope is that after the Lord disciplines the person (using Satan to do so) the person will repent, reconcile with both God and the church and be brought back into the safety of the fold like the Corinthian man as we see in 2 Corinthians. None of this process places his salvation at risk. Should a person die while under this discipline, he will still be saved but “so as by fire” (1 Corinthians 3:15).