

Series "Called To Be Saints"
"Called Out Ones"
1 Corinthians 6:1-11
Part-10

Paul in **1 Corinthians 6** asks a question **6 times** in this chapter:

Verse 2 Or do you not know?

Verse 3 Do you not know?

Verse 9 Or do you not know?

Verse 15 Do you not know?

Verse 19 Or do you not know?

Life is filled with troubles: Jesus told us this - **Matthew 6:34**

There is a proper way to deal with trouble. "Our Position Should Affect Our Practice"

REPROOF: THE REPORT OF SIN IN THE CHURCH—1:10-6:20

Disputes In The Courts—6:1-11

We looked at **1 Corinthians 5** which dealt with sexual sin then in **1 Corinthians 6:12-20** deals again with sexual sin.

Fornication - stems from a false or evil desire for physical pleasure.

Covetousness - stems from a false or evil desire for material pleasure.

Thought Of Our Passage: "Since The Church Will Judge The World, Surely The Church Is Competent Enough To Judge The Believers' Conflicts."

1. Verse 1 Problem

2. Verses 2-6 Ignorance

3. Verses 7-11 Solution

1. Verse 1 Problem

1 Corinthians 6:1 Does any one of you, when he has a case against his neighbor, (Brother)

We left off in **1 Corinthians 5** - Paul spoke about the need of judging sin within the church. **1 Corinthians 5:12-13**

Believers are not to judge the unsaved; Now, why should believers let the unsaved judge them?

Now we continue with an improper way of judging others.

1 Corinthians 6:3 matters of this life,
That is money and property (civil issues).

dare to go to law before the unrighteous, - Now Paul is not saying that we should never go to court. **Romans 13** speaks of the civil and criminal authorities

He only relied on them when there was no other option. **Acts 25:9-11;**
Acts 26:32

and not before the saints? These matters should be judged by believers.

Those that are born again have a different perspective than those that are still in the flesh. (Christian is in another world)

2. Verses 2-6 Ignorance

1 Corinthians 6:2 Or do you not know - The Corinthian church boasted that they had great wisdom and Paul has to ask them 6 different questions that are aimed at showing their ignorance.

that the saints will judge the world? - It was Daniel who said that Christians would judge when God set up His kingdom.

Daniel said it: **Daniel 7:22**

Jesus spoke of it: **Matthew 19:28**

Revelation 2:26-27

Revelation 20:4

If the world is judged by you, are you not competent to constitute the smallest law courts?

1 Corinthians 6:3

Do you not know that we will judge angels? There are some angels that are already in custody **2 Peter 2:4**

Jude 6

How much more, matters of this life? This is an argument from the greater to the lesser.

Verses 4-6 The Church Must Judge Itself: 1 Corinthians 6:4

So if you have law courts dealing with matters of this life, This speaks of the judges through the court system that deal with money and property civil issues.

do you appoint them as judges who are of no account in the church? If they are to deal with the matters of life temporal, why are they dealing with issues that are spiritual?

who are of no account in the church? Judges that are not Christians that know nothing about mercy, love, forgiveness.

1 Corinthians 6:5

Disgrace: I say this to your shame. That what an embarrassment to the church

Is it so, that there is not among you one wise man

Here was a church boasting in their great wisdom but there was not one that could work the simplest of issues.

who will be able to decide between his brethren,
Brother with brother.

decide – *"to give a decision"*

2 Peter 1:3

1 Corinthians 6:6 and that before unbelievers? That's the sad part that we believers have a true wisdom from God. **1 Corinthians 2:12-16**

3. Verses 7-11 Solution

1 Corinthians 6:7 Solution: Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded? It is better to lose the money than to drag the name of Jesus through the mud of the world.

Matthew 5:39-42

Why not rather be wronged?

Colossians 3:13-14

1 Corinthians 6:8

1 Peter 2:19-20

1 Corinthians 6:9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous

The unjust *"the unjustified that have no standings before God."*

will not inherit the kingdom of God? The kingdom of God is now, and it is also future.

Do not be deceived; (Deception when we think there is no correlation between spiritual position and practice.)

Paul gives a list of 10 sins that are "Life Dominating Sins"

- 1. neither fornicators,** *por'-nos; Get our word pornography (to sell);* It speaks of sex outside of the bonds of marriage.
- 2. nor idolaters,** - Because it is sandwiched in between sexual sins it probably had to do with the sexual worship in Corinth.
- 3. nor adulterers,** *"Apostate" those that forsake the right way, the way of commitment to a marriage partner"*
- 4. nor effeminate,** the word means "soft" It is speaking of the male prostitution.
- 5. nor homosexuals, (K.J.V nor abusers of themselves with mankind),** *"sadistic, sexual perverts"*

1 Corinthians 6:10

- 6. nor thieves,** *"those who steal in secret, rather than by force."*
- 7. nor the covetous,** *"wanting more"* This is the desire for more.
- 8. nor drunkards,**
- 9. nor revilers,** *"abuser"* This is the person that strikes another.
- 10. nor swindlers,** *"to pluck or pull away"*

will inherit the kingdom of God. This is the second time Paul is saying this. That this lifestyle cannot fit with Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 6:11 Such were some of you;

This church was made up of the type of people

(Salvation) but you were washed, - Their sins were washed away by Jesus Christ.

but you were sanctified, - That means set apart. That a Christian is a saint that is "*Called out ones*"

Application:

- 1. Problem:** It Is Wrong For Professing Believers To Take Each Other Before The Unrighteous In Civil Court. God Has Provided Wisdom Within The Church Through Wise Believers.
- 2. Ignorance:** Since Believers Will Judge The World And Angels, Surely Believers Possess God's Wisdom And Are Capable Of Making Righteous Judgments In This Life.
- 3. Solution:** Better To Count Your Conflict A Loss And Trust That God Will Sort It Out Than To Demand Your Rights Before The Unrighteous. God In His Timing And In His Way, Will Right Our Wrongs.