

1 Corinthians 6:1-11

¹When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints?
²Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? ³Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life! ⁴So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the church? ⁵I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to settle a dispute between the brothers, ⁶but brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers? ⁷To have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you. Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be defrauded?
⁸But you yourselves wrong and defraud—even your own brothers! ⁹Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, ¹⁰nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

The Tragedy of Being Deceived

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Paul is continuing to help us understand that genuine faith always produces changes in our values, attitudes, relationships and behaviors. Those who believe they have genuine faith in Christ and yet are not being spiritually transformed are deceived and in danger of not spending eternity with God. There is nothing more tragic.

We are to resolve our disputes among ourselves.

We don't genuinely love Jesus if we are endorsing sin.

Notes:

Life Group Discussion Questions

Based on 1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Getting Started

1. Growing up, how were you taught to resolve conflicts?
2. When you have a disagreement with someone, do you typically want to 'fight' or 'flight'? What are the pros and cons of your approach?
3. What steps do you think Christians should take when seeking to resolve their disputes?

Digging into the Text

4. Read 1 Corinthians 6:1-11 and respond:
 - Based on vv. 1-4, what is the major problem that Paul is addressing?
 - Why is this issue such a big deal, and what are some better approaches to resolving these types of conflicts (vv.5-8)?
 - In vv. 9-11, what are some of the key differences between Christians (the righteous) and non-Christians (the unrighteous)?
 - Summarize the big idea of this whole passage.

Applying It to My Life

5. As you assess the way in which you're going about addressing conflict, is there someone whom you need to apologize to, seek reconciliation with, or forgive?
6. What is a step you can take this week to help resolve any conflicts you may have with others?
7. How can the group be praying for you as we all seek to be forgiving just as we have been forgiven?