

I Corinthians 6:1-11 – “How Dare You!”

I. You Ought To Be Ashamed!

A. How dare you take your Christian family disputes to be judged by ungodly men who judge on the basis of their:

1. Political agenda
2. Personal opinion
3. Financial considerations – bribes
4. World standards
5. Unjust laws

B. Since you are destined to judge the world and angels, you ought to be capable of judging minor disputes within the church.

1. Wrongdoer wants to escape his guilt
2. An attempt to win and to take advantage for personal gain
3. Church discipline looks at the heart issues
 - a. greed vs. unselfishness
 - b. retaliation vs. forgiveness
 - c. hatred vs. love

C. The church has forgotten what it means to be a believer

1. Chapter One – Relationship with Christ
 - Sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ
 - Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God
 - Christ himself is our righteousness, holiness and redemption
2. Chapter Two – Relationship with the Holy Spirit
 - Teaches us about the things of God
 - Gives understanding about spiritual things
 - We have the mind of Christ
3. Chapter Three – Relationship to God the Father
 - God's field
 - God's building – built on foundation of Christ
 - God's temple
 - God's Spirit lives within

II. You ought to know better!

A. Wicked will not inherit the Kingdom of God (See John 3:3-5 Unless born again, cannot see or enter the kingdom)

B. The church has forgotten what they used to be.

1. I Corinthians 6:9-10 – lifestyles that keep one out of God's Kingdom and that are incompatible with a life of holiness

- a. sexually immoral
- b. idolaters
- c. male prostitutes
- d. homosexual offenders
- e. thieves
- f. greedy
- g. drunkards
- h. slanderers
- i. swindlers

2. Galatians 5:16-21 – lifestyles that keep one out of God's Kingdom and that are incompatible with a life of holiness

3. Romans 1:29-31

4. See Ephesians 4:30-32; 3:5-10; II Timothy 3:1-5

C. The church has forgotten what they have become

1. Washed, sanctified, justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God

2. Salvation through the cross of Christ is not a sterile mental act. Salvation involves:

- a. repentance
- b. restitution
- c. rescue from sin
- d. deliverance from the kingdom of Satan
- e. redemption
- f. transformation of life

3. The church tended to compartmentalize man into different parts that had no relation to the other parts. I Thessalonians 5:23 – May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ!