

A Black Eye for Christianity
1 Corinthians 6:1-8

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I. Don't sue a fellow Christian. 1 Corinthians 6:1-2

The Church was quickly losing its _____ for Christ in the world; first having open sins and now suing one another.

- Paul is not necessarily saying these judges were bad in their judgment; rather they were unsaved and therefore they are not justified _____ in the sight of God.

True followers of Jesus Christ will _____ and reign with Him as judges in the Millennial Kingdom of Christ. **Revelation 5:10**

II. Christians will judge the angels. 1 Corinthians 6:3-4

We (the Church) are called to be the _____ by which God teaches the universe a lesson, and a beautiful lesson." (Guzik)

- So it seems as if the angels _____ the Lord make the stars, space, the planets, earth and everything on it.

Someday, Christians will judge the angels; *why would believers, allow non-believers to _____ matters between Christians?*

III. Realize the error of the decision. 1 Corinthians 6:5-6

"To judge' means to give a _____ rather than conduct a trial."

(Leon Morris)

- *"This can be done either through the church, or through Christian _____. But today, even as in Paul's day, there is no reason for Christians to sue one another."* (Guzik)

IV. Your win in court is a loss. 1 Corinthians 6:7-8

"Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you" can be translated, "It is already a complete _____ for you." (Wiersbe)

- Not only were these Christians not willing to suffer a wrong for the sake of Christ; Paul actually accuses them of being _____ of the same wrong doing themselves. **1 Corinthians 6:8**

We can never live Christ like until we _____ to _____ and allow the Holy Spirit full control of our lives.

V. Practical Application.

If all Christ followers surrendered to the Spirit and _____ ourselves, these issues would not exist in the body of Christ.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **1 Corinthians 6:1-2**. What is the problem that Paul addresses in the first part of **chapter 6**? Why is this a problem? What negative reasons can you think of why Christians shouldn't sue each other in court?
Revelation 5:10, 2 Timothy 2:12-13
2. *If they can't go to court, what is the solution? Is it practical to think that there will be elders/judges in a church who can settle disputes? Is this a reasonable goal? How can it be accomplished?*
3. Read **1 Corinthians 6:3-4**. What does Paul mean by saying Christians will judge the angels? Scripture teaches us that God judges the fallen angels. **Isaiah 24:21-22, 2 Peter 2:4, Jude 1:6, Revelation 21:10** How can a Christian be over an angel when we were created a little lower than the angels, when scripture teaches us man was created in the image of God, but angels were not (**Hebrews 1:4, 2:16**)?
Ephesians 3:8-12, Hebrews 2:7-9, Psalm 8:4-6, Hebrews 1:4, 2:16, Matthew 19:28, 2 Timothy 2:12, Revelation 20:4
4. *What did the sermon mean, "Your win in court is a loss"?*
Galatians 2:20, Colossians 3:3, Galatians 6:10, Romans 15:1-3, Philippians 2:5-8
5. Discuss the Practical Application of the sermon.