

**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.