

Letters to the church in...



Corinth

Focus: 1 Corinthians 6:1-20

Lesson 6-Making Judgment and Fleeing from sin!

- **The church should be able and responsible enough to solve her own matters among herself (v.1-4)**
 - (v.1) **Why should the righteous people of God go out to the unrighteous** to solve some kind of dispute? (Don't we have more righteousness and better wisdom from God?!)
 - **(v.2,3) The saints will judge the world and angels! So, do we not have enough spiritual wisdom and good sense to judge our own matters rightly?!!** WHEN does the Bible say this happens? (compare 1 Cor. 4:5; 1 Thessalonians 4:16,17; Revelation 20:4-6). Obviously, we're not deciding who is saved or lost. That is already decided (Rev. 22:11,12 make that clear, as well as these many other texts). We are simply making an evaluation of the evidence to get our questions answered!
 - (v.4) set **the humble people who have nothing to gain or lose** as the Judges. Let them make an objective and faithful judgment of the matter.
- **The sinful shame of church brethren taking one another to a court of public law (v.5-8)**
 - **(v.5) A shame! Not a wise man among you** (or us)?!! The Lord has given to His people the most **blessed wisdom and knowledge!** (See Deuteronomy 4:5,6) *"The entrance of your words gives light. It gives understanding to the simple"* (Psalm 119:130). *"If any man lacks wisdom, let him ask of God..."* (**James 1:5**). God's people are to **be the head, not the tail** (Deuteronomy 28:13). **God's faithful ones clearly had the advantage** over the world's ways and ungodly wisdom in Daniel's day (Daniel 1:17,19,20).
 - (v.6) **sin #1 "brother against brother"; sin #2 "and that before the unbelievers"** (not only does this discredit that fact that God has given us excellent wisdom above anything else, but it also shames the name of Christ before the unbelieving world...why should we have to carry such things to them? Cannot be solve these matters before God?)
 - (v.7,8) **Why don't you just take the wrong** (suck it up), rather than go to law before the unbelievers? But instead, you're the one defrauding your brother even—this criminal! **Jesus taught us FAR BETTER than this!** (see **Matthew 5:38-42, 44-46**). *"By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, by your love, one for another!!!"* (see John 13:34,35). (how could anyone tell of our love for one another, if we're disputing?)
- **Paul reminds us that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God. We cannot just live in sinfulness (v.9-11)**
 - We must **REPENT** of our sins, confess and forsake our sins, and receive the forgiveness and grace of Jesus Christ (as the Lord clearly tells us in Ezekiel 33:11). **"Do not be deceived..."!!!** (v.9)

- **A whole list of sins is recorded** to give people a clear idea of what sinfulness is! **Homosexual sin is clearly listed among them.** All of these sins are corruption of God's image in man—they are a defilement of the person, and of the holy nature with which God had originally created us (and which Jesus wants to restore within us). **Man was originally made in the "image of God...[both] ...male and female"** He created us to be (**Genesis 1:27**). The male should always go with one female as his wife—they were designed for each other by God himself, and given the ability to produce families. The popular sin of today is "an abomination" (Leviticus 18:22) against God and a defilement of God's Holy image which we need to re-attain to through Jesus Christ.
- **"And such WERE some of you, but you are washed..." (v.11)** The power of Jesus Christ transforms us into new creatures. We no longer are to be prisoners to the lusts of the sinful flesh. Jesus sets us free by His righteous Spirit and power (Romans 8:12-14; John 8:32,36).
- **Our body is for the Holy Spirit of God—we are not to defile it by immorality—rather, Flee fornication (v.12-20)**
 - (v.12) some think all things are permissible or lawful for them, BUT all things are not right or good for them!!
 - Do not abuse your body. It belongs to the Holy Spirit!
 - We should **FLEE FROM SIN!!!** Do not allow "provision for the flesh" to fulfill some kind of sinful lusts (Romans 13:14). (Flee bad situations of temptation)! **Anyone who hates sin will choose to set up every barrier against it, just like you would set up a fortress and barricades against an approaching Army!** You should be running the opposite direction from sin and **not leaving yourself open and exposed to the enemies attacks.** DO NOT put yourself in harm's way needlessly! (Don't go where you know you might be tempted. Don't play around with sin).
 - Sexual immorality—a sin that will so quickly separate you from the Spirit of God and bring misery. It will "grieve" the Holy Spirit, of which thing we should never do.
 - Do not follow the flesh, but follow the Spirit. Let the flesh be crucified.
 - (v.20) **We were bought with a price! So, glorify the Lord in your body and in your spirit!**

Question (s) for the Heart:

Is it your desire to live a life of purity, love, and holiness through the grace of Jesus Christ? _____

Would you like to glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are His? _____