

Division in the Body

1 Corinthians 6

As we continue to look at the situation in the Church at Corinth, we learn the extent to which believers can go in following their own ideas and opinions instead of following the Word of God. Chapter 6 deals with two areas that had become very distorted because of the division the believers had allowed in the church by following man instead of God. Today we will look at the first of these two.

- I. The _____ of justice Vs 1-11
- A. The _____ of the charge against the believers Vs 1
1. *Dare any of you-_____ YOU!!!*
 2. *Having a matter against another-a dispute or disagreement with another _____*
 3. *Go to law before the unjust-take the dispute or disagreement to the world's judicial system*
 4. *And not before the saints-instead of taking the matter to the body of _____ to decide*
- B. The _____ practice Vs 6-8
1. Christians are suing other Christians in the court of the world Vs 6
 2. This is sinful behavior Vs 7
 - a. You are suing each other
 - b. Why are you not willing to suffer wrongful treatment to avoid a _____
 1. *Take wrong-accept when treated wrongfully*
 2. *Be defrauded-Cf. Prov 21:22-Say not thou, I will recompense evil; but wait on the LORD, and He shall save thee.*
 - c. *Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren-the whole problem is with the initial action of sinning _____ your brother. If that had not occurred to begin with there would be no one taking someone to court. Vs 8*
- C. The _____ of such logic Vs 2-3
1. Believers will _____ the world and spiritual beings in the end of time
 2. Since believers will judge the world, can they not now decide the disputes and disagreements among fellow believers?
- D. The _____ solution Vs 4-5
1. Let the believers who are _____ highly esteemed for their wisdom be the judges over the disputes and disagreements (since they will perform greater judgments in the end of the world) Vs 4
 2. The _____ of Paul is evident Vs 5 "*I speak this to your shame. Is there not a wise man among you?*"
- II. The _____ of willful ignorance Vs 2, 3, 9
- A. Are you willfully ignorant of what the _____ states about the future of the believer? Vs 2
- B. Are you willfully ignorant to the _____ that will be given believers in the future? Vs 3
- C. Are you willfully ignorant to the fact that the unsaved will not go to Heaven, (so why should they be _____ spiritual matters)? Vs 9
- D. The perplexity is that they, as believers, would _____ to be willfully ignorant of spiritual truths
- III. The _____ of being fooled Vs 9-11
- A. *Be not deceived-don't willing _____ yourself to be blinded to the facts*
- B. *The unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God-those not righteous before God will not be a part of God's kingdom of Heaven*
- C. The lifestyle of the unrighteous Vs 9b-10

1. *Fornicators*-a lifestyle of immoral relationship with the _____ sex outside the marriage bond.
 2. *Idolaters*-a lifestyle of _____ anything or anyone as the god of their life and not the one true God.
 3. *Adulterers*-a lifestyle of immoral relationship with someone other than your _____ partner.
 4. *Effeminate*-a _____ of homosexuality and lesbianism
 5. *Abusers of themselves with mankind*-a lifestyle of prostitution with another person of the _____ sex
 6. *Thieves*-a lifestyle of _____ property that belongs to someone else
 7. *Covetous*-a lifestyle of _____ of another's property or position and thus attempting one-upmanship
 8. *Drunkards*-a lifestyle of being _____ by alcohol
 9. *Revilers*-a lifestyle of _____ abuse toward other people
 10. *Extortioners*- a lifestyle of getting money from others by using force or threats
- D. The eye-opening _____ that the believers at Corinth seem to have forgotten Vs 11
1. Had they remembered what God had done for them they would be so _____ that offenses would not have been controlling their behavior as was
 - a. _____ Cpt. 1, 3
 - b. Pride (puffed up) and a sense of _____ superiority Cpt. 2, 3, 4
 - c. Unaddressed _____ in the local church Cpt. 5
 - d. _____ of power Cpt. 6
 2. "*And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.*"
 - a. *Such were some of you*-some of you were living the life-style described in Vs 9-10
 - b. But _____ has miraculously changed you
 1. *Ye are washed*-_____, washed off, to be washed clean
 2. *Ye are sanctified*-clean in a _____ sense, to purify
 3. *Ye are justified*-"*The act of God in bringing sinners into a new covenant relationship with himself through the forgiveness of sins. It is a declarative act of God by which he establishes persons as righteous—that is, in right and true relationship to himself.*" Tyndale Bible Dictionary
 4. *In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ*-the _____ for such actions
 5. *By the Spirit of our God*-the _____ of such action
 6. Sinners being washed, sanctified, and justified could not take place had Christ not given His life as a _____ for the sin of mankind, and the working of the Holy Spirit in the _____ of the unsaved. Cf. Eph 2:1-9

The _____ behavior of the believers at Corinth was due in part to forgetting who they were in Christ and because of Christ. Had they not taken their eyes _____ Christ, and placed them on themselves and what they _____, more than likely none of the sinful behavior patterns discussed in this book and the division in the local church would have _____ occurred. May we learn from their sinful behavior as what not to do!