



Forgiven & Forgiving: Living as a Peacemaker

I Corinthians 6:1-11

1 Corinthians 6 When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints? ²Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? ³Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life! ⁴So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the church? ⁵I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to settle a dispute between the brothers, ⁶but brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers? ⁷To have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you. Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be defrauded? ⁸But you yourselves wrong and defraud—even your own brothers. ⁹Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, ¹⁰nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

The Historical Background:

The Greek legal system and the reputation of Corinth.

The Biblical Background:

The wisdom of the world and the wisdom of the Spirit

I. An Age-old Problem (1-8): Christians trying to resolve their disputes in a “**CARNAL**” way.

1. There were **GRIEVANCES** between believers.
2. Believers were going to **UNBELIEVERS** to resolve/judge their cases.
3. Believers were depending on the “**WISDOM**” of those who did not have the Spirit.
4. Ultimately, believers were doing even **MORE HARM** to one another by going to court.

- II. An Intriguing Solution (2, 3, 5): Create a “**PEACEMAKING COMMUNITY**” in the church.
 1. Live **DIFFERENTLY** than the unbelieving world.
 2. Take your issues to **WISE BELIEVERS** for resolution.
 3. Be willing to humbly **FORGIVE** and live in unity.
- III. A Clear Perspective (9-11): Christians are being transformed through the work of **THE CROSS**.
 1. **UNRIGHTEOUSNESS** has no place in God’s Kingdom.
 2. Don’t think too **HIGHLY** of yourself apart from Christ.
 3. Know the **TRUTH** of who you are in Jesus Christ.
- IV. The Implications for us:
 1. Be sure that **YOU** have come to the cross for forgiveness of your sin.
 2. Let God be the ultimate and final **JUDGE**
 3. Live your life based on who you **ARE NOW** in Christ, not who you **WERE**.
 4. Be a **PEACEMAKER** – resolve issues in a Godly and Biblical way

BROTHER’S KEEPER CHALLENGE:

Become part of a Peacemaker Ministry here at New Life.

Bible Reading Plan

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