

LOVE IS

1 & 2 Corinthians

Week 6: 1 Corinthians 6

Two Week Break - Will Resume on January 7, 2021!

Main Issues Addressed In 1 Corinthians

#1 - Division in the church - Chapters 1-4

#2 - Immorality in the church - Chapter 5-7

Issue #1 - 1 Corinthians 5 - Sexual Immorality

Issue #2 - 1 Corinthians 6 - Lawsuits and Legality

1 Corinthians 6:1-4

- At issue here are "grievances" - not crimes
- 1 Corinthians 2:14 (a chapter on wisdom)
 - It is wise to seek a reconciliation with a church leader before taking an issue to a non-believer or judge
- Judging over angels - to judge is to rule
- Revelation 2:26 - "The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations."
- 2 Timothy 2:12 - If we endure with him, we will also reign with him.
- Revelation 3:21 - The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.
- Matthew 19:28 - Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
- Division among leaders has left a leadership gap

1 Corinthians 6:5-8

- The Corinthian attitude (2:16) had left a wisdom vacuum
- Having no leader to go to is a defeat
- Having lawsuits against each other is a defeat
- It is more righteous to suffer a wrong at the hands of a believer than to go to a secular court for justice
- Stop defrauding brothers and sisters in Christ

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

- Defrauders are part of a larger group of non-believers
- This group is present in the church, but is not the church
- It is essential to distinguish our lives by holiness and elevate some mentors and leaders

1 Corinthians 6:12-14

- A quote from the Corinthians - “all things are lawful for me”
- This list of sin is probably not being adjudicated
- The people of God have a higher standard than local law
 - What is helpful and what is enslaving?

1 Corinthians 6:15-20

- Our bodies are members of Christ
 - The importance of our outer life (prostitution)
- Our bodies are a temple of the Holy Spirit
 - The importance of our inner life (pollution)

Conclusion of chapters 5-6 - Paul weaves the themes of grace, obedience, and warning