

RESOLVING CONFLICT GOD'S WAY (PART 2)

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

RESOLVING CONFLICT WITH FELLOW CHRISTIANS BEGINS WITH REPENTANCE

- “Don’t you know that the unrighteous will not inherit God’s kingdom? Do not be deceived: No sexually immoral people, idolaters, adulterers, or males who have sex with males, 10 no thieves, greedy people, drunkards, verbally abusive people, or swindlers will inherit God’s kingdom.” (1 Corinthians 6:9-10)
- In our world today, like Corinth in the first century, there are many who profess Christ as Savior while living defiantly in sin.
- One of the primary keys to unity and effectiveness in the Church is repentance from our sinful ways.
- “Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.” (Revelation 3:19 ESV)
- Repentance may not be popular but it is absolutely necessary.

RESOLVING CONFLICT WITH FELLOW CHRISTIANS WILL HAPPEN WHEN WE EMBRACE OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

- “And some of you used to be like this. 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.” (1 Corinthians 6:11)

In Christ We Are:

- 1) ***Washed – Cleansed from your old sinful ways by God. (See Titus 3:5)***
 - 2) ***Sanctified – Set apart as holy by God (See 2 Thessalonians 2:13)***
 - 3) ***Justified – Redeemed from the unjust lifestyle and eternal consequences. (See Romans 5:1-2, 9)***
- A person who has truly been born again in Christ cannot remain the same as they were.
 - As new creations in Christ we have power from the Holy Spirit to overcome sin and walk in newness of life.
 - “I say, then, walk by the Spirit and you will certainly not carry out the desire of the flesh.” (Galatians 5:16)

- Knowing who you are in Christ empowers you to live in such a way that honors God and brings fulfillment in your life.
- “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!” (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- “I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” (Galatians 2:20)

CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION

Observation:

- What is the major warning in 1 Corinthians 6:9-10?
- What is the main point that Paul is communicating in verses 9-11? (Hint: It’s not the sins listed in verses 9-10.)
- What do the 3 descriptions mean that Paul uses for believers in verse 11?

Understanding:

- Why do you think so many Christians try to minimize or justify sin today?
- How does unrepentant (defiant) sin affect the unity, peace, and mission of the Church?
- Why is repentance essential—not just for personal holiness, but for resolving conflict with other believers?
- Can you think of a time when repentance led to restoration in a relationship—either with God or with another person?
- How does remembering who you are in Christ help you respond differently in moments of conflict, temptation, or accusation?
- What does it practically look like to “walk by the Spirit” instead of reacting according to the flesh when conflict arises?
- What is one concrete step you can take this week to live out your identity as a new creation in Christ—especially in how you treat other believers?

Loving Outward:

- Who do you need to share the gospel with this week?
- Who do you need to follow-up with regarding the gospel?
- Who are you bringing to church next Sunday?