

L67 | I Corinthians | Going to Law Before the Unjust | I Cor. 6:1-11

I. Intro/Review:

- We have entered into the portion of this epistle that is addressing the Corinthians "conversation", their behavior, their conduct, their manner of life.
 - Paul is addressing it all based upon the first portion of the epistle where he addressed their ungodly thinking about God's wisdom which has led to ungodly living.
- We have examined two of the ten major problems at Corinth, problems where they can be "blamed", problems that they need to be corrected.
 1. The Wisdom of the World
 2. Fornication
- As we enter into chapter 6 we will see two more problems - lawsuits and defilement (both can fit under the larger umbrella of "fornication").
 - Remember, we are sanctified and we are to possess our vessel in sanctification and honor - that we are not called unto uncleanness, but as we are holy we are to perfect holiness, we are to walk in cleanness by the washing of water by the Word.
 - The word of God, the wisdom of God is the cleansing agent from all foulness of flesh and spirit and the conforming agents of the world.

II. Preview:

- The major topic at hand is not making godly judgments with each other in the church.
 - Paul's argument involves part of our vocation of making judgments in the world to come
 - The rank of the church
 - The relationship to the world
 - The gospel being the basis of our judgments with our brethren
 - Righteousness, and
 - Forgiveness

III. Sermon:

I Corinthians 6:1-11

- 6:1 - Reproof
- 6:2-3 - Correction
- 6:4-11 - Instruction in Righteousness

{:1} - "Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?"

- **"Dare any of you"**
 - **"Dare"**
 - "durst", "boldly", "bold"

- Courageous, to venture, extreme behavior
- **"any of you"**
 - Brethren
 - Sanctified in Christ Jesus
- **"having a matter against another"**
 - **"matter"** - deed, business, affair
 - **"against"** - not for one another, not one anothering, not knit, not the same
 - 1 Cor. 4 - "puffed up for one against another"
- **"go to law before the unjust"**
 - So here is a Christian that has been offended by another Christian, was sin against in some manner and such a one is going to law with another.
 - **"before the unjust"** - unjustified, opposite of "the saints"
- **"and not before the saints?"**
 - "saints" - 1 Cor. 1:2, 6:11
- The Remedy
 - 1 Cor. 6:7-8 - suffering, forgiveness, righteousness
 - These 3 characteristics should be hallmarks of the church

{:2} - Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? And if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?"

- **"Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world?"**
 - Future vocation - we will be judges of the world in the life to come
 - Everlasting
 - The church holds the highest offices in the world, not because who we are, but because of who we belong to and who He is and therefore what He has given us
 - 1 Corinthians 1:30-31 - no flesh, nor fleshly system will endure
 - We are to put on display His wisdom, righteousness, forgiveness, and suffering amongst a lost and dying world, to shine as lights and allow our profiting of Him appear to all.
 - Where are we to know?
 - Prophetically - Dan. 7:22, Matt. 19:27-30, Matt. 25:14-31, Luke 19:12-27
 - Paul - Romans 8, 1 Cor. 1-4, wisdom, justice, judgment, equity (Rom. 14)

IV. Conclusion: