

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (ESV): 11 He has made everything beautiful in its time.

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Psalms 78:4 (ESV): We will not hide them from their children,  
but tell to the coming generation  
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,  
and the wonders that he has done.

Psalms 27:4 (ESV): One thing have I asked of the Lord,  
that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord  
and to inquire in his temple.

Psalms 9:1 (ESV): I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;  
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

1 Corinthians — letter — correction — dialogue  
→ Paul corrects every problem by connecting every  
problem to the Gospel.

Issue number one was division in the church the solution Christ crucified is the power and wisdom of God goes against the Roman values

Issue number two was tolerating evil in the church solution was purge the evil because Christ is our Passover lamb

Issue number 3- Christians bringing civil lawsuits against one another

1 Corinthians 6:1–11 (NKJV): Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints? 2 Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? 3 Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life? 4 If then you have judgments concerning things pertaining to this life, do you appoint those who are least esteemed by the church to judge? 5 I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you, not even one, who will be able to judge between his brethren? 6 But brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers! 7 Now therefore, it is already an utter failure for you that you go to law against one another. Why do you not rather accept wrong? Why do you not rather let yourselves be cheated? 8 No, you yourselves do wrong and cheat, and you do these things to your brethren! 9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Two things the text teaches us \_1 the competency Ability capacity of the church

2 our transformation as a community - how we have been changed by God

The church has enormous power \_ we are capable of so much good

The people of God have enormous power to change the world for Good

Preservative where it is decaying most

Light where it is dark

We are salt + light

Matthew 5:13 (ESV): 13 “You are the salt of the earth, Matthew 5:14 (ESV): 14 “You are the light of the world.

This is who we are \_ we are also a people who have the ability to care and take care of one another in the body \_ family \_ church

We should be able to handle each others needs in the church \_ financial emotional spiritual physical relational even judicial needs

Surrogate family of Jesus - Mark 3:33–35 (ESV): “Who are my mother and my brothers?” 34 And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! 35 For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

Do we really believe that the church can meet needs beyond the spiritual

Unfortunately the church is guilty of many things neglect pride abuse bigotry racism stinginess +a host of other things

We are in danger of selling short the power the church has and the ability Christ gave the church to be

The church has a profound capability for good

Check this out we are going to judge angels

Sounds amazing \_ what does it mean? I have no idea - angels are mighty powerful created beings

You and I have the ability to judge Angels

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Come to your senses snap out of it \_ remember who you are! You are going to judge the world

4 If then you have judgments concerning things pertaining to this life, do you appoint those who are least esteemed by the church to judge?

You can't handle a simple dispute in the church you should be able to deal with problems in the church

This was a civil dispute in the church this is not a capital crime \_ not murder this was a dispute

If you are going to judge the world and angels you are capable of judging this civil matter

Civil disputes related to money, work, work related contracts, property

1 Corinthians 4:14 (ESV): 14 I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children.

I'm going to shame you now

5 I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you, not even one, who will be able to judge between his brethren?

This was a shame culture

what we

Paul wants them to shrink down and say to themselves what was I thinking

6 But brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers!

Paul is angry at them

The church is supposed to be a new community of saints forgiven and forgiving loved and loving

1 Peter 2:9–10 (ESV): 9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Acts 4:32–34 (ESV): 32 Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. 33 And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34 There was not a needy person among them

We are a family born out of the resurrection and our family life is a testimony to the resurrection of Jesus Christ

High value on personal property - examples surfboards cars clothes

Ties us to this world this age - Jesus spent a great deal of his time teaching about money- wealth riches because our hearts are so wrapped up in material possessions all going to burn

Anchored to this age \_ Jesus says be open handed give it away be generous give away even Your life

Christians are to be a future people because of the already we live for the not yet

We live in the future - Paul is upset because they are so bound to their stuff

C. S. Lewis ' don't let your happiness depend on something you can lose"

When our happiness is bound to material possessions we become a hoarding people

We are to live for the age to come and not tie our lives down with stuff

The age to come is when there will be peace and justice righteousness and joy and shalom and we will be fully known and fully know Jesus

Being a Christian is having that future our future in Christ crash into the present age

7 Now therefore, it is already an utter failure for you that you go to law against one another. Why do you not rather accept wrong? Why do you not rather let yourselves be cheated? 8 No, you yourselves do wrong and cheat, and you do these things to your brethren!

They were so tied up in their stuff, they said I'm going to sue you, and take you to the Roman civil court

The church appeared to be in agreement with this approach, Paul was appalled by it.

Under Roman law, criminal courts were decent for the time, the civil courts were very corrupt.

They were slanted toward the rich and powerful. People of upper class could sue the lower class, but the lower class could not sue the upper class.

The courts were filled with lawyers and judges that were upper class.

Most likely in this case Someone of high social status was suing someone of low social status in the church

The church was allowing it, shame on you.

Why not rather be wronged, why not rather be cheated.

Why sue them? we have our rights, when we have been wronged.

*we want justice*

What did Jesus do with his rights? Jesus had rights, and he laid down his rights for the other.

What option to sue or not to sue would be in accordance with their true identity in Christ.

Why not say you took my property and say I forgive you, and I love you. Go the Jesus route

To be entitled and right, and not go after it, is one of the hardest things our human pride can handle

Why not just be wronged for Christ, for the sake of the Gospel, let it go.

We are a people who live in a future reality today. For Christians we live in the future Jesus has for us, now. The future invades the present.

Now, when we read we will judge Angels - this is a reference to Daniel 7, remember from the Gospel of Mark, Daniel 7, the son of man, Jesus favorite title, the king to come and end all kings in future, who the first time around came to serve, not to be served and give his life a ransom for many, second time around is a different story

Well also in daniel 7, there is the <sup>satanic</sup> demonic anti-Christ end of. World figure

Daniel 7:26-27 (ESV): 26 But the court shall sit in judgment, and his dominion shall be taken away, to be consumed and destroyed to the end.

27 And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.'

The people of God will rule the cosmos with Christ - if you can rule the world, don't you think you can handle a property matter, civil matters. This is where we are heading, cosmic rule, wake up to who you are.

We are supposed to act corporately in a way that will proclaim the future kingdom of God now.

Show the world, that the church is able, competent because we are redeemed.

*we*  
Are you moving in the direction of who you are, and who we are.

**Warning** - don't absolutize this - this is two church members under the elder ship of the church. Paul appealed to the courts in the book of acts, when it suited the Gospel.

The transformation as a community

*possible because*

9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you.

Seems like this list is out of place.

This is a list of behaviors, 10 in the Greek - Paul writes these behaviors as nouns - he makes them identity statements

All of these vices have something in common - grasping at something that is not rightfully yours

Grasping beyond God's design

Identity statements - this is what defined you, they were once true, but they are not true anymore more - you have a new identity - you are a new creation, the old has passed away the new has come - born again - you are living as a human in a new way - you are no longer defined by your vices, inclinations, and temptations

But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

You have been washed, made, New, made alive in Christ

Titus 3:5-7 (ESV): he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Does this mean you won't be tempted, won't have inclinations and proclivity towards the ways of the old you.

Confess and request accountability - some of you are tempted to swindle - big deal - people always fringe to get something for nothing under the guise of being frugal. Stop swindling and be generous.

The temptation may never go away, you may even backslide, but those things are no longer your identity, they no longer define you,

Sanctified - set apart, different, chosen, special

Justified - declared right - with the righteousness of Jesus Christ

We justified by faith, not moral performance.

The list is not a morality list to determine who's in and who is out.

Luke 18:9-14 (ESV): 9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

The way in is humble faith in Christ Jesus.

List can define who we were, or what Jesus has made us. To transition from one list to other, is only done by the work of Christ on the cross and the Holy Spirit invading our lives.

Christ meets us where we are at, it loves us too much to leave us there. He wants us to keep moving forward growing into our new identity accomplished by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

— gallery new - new community

not like others