

# 1 CORINTHIANS

SEEING EVERY PART OF LIFE THROUGH THE GOSPEL

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RESURRECTION IS INDISPENSABLE



# “Take No Advantage”

(1 Cor. 6:1-11)



## 1 Corinthians 6:1-2 (ESV)

1 When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints? 2 Or 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?



## 1 Corinthians 6:3-4 (ESV)

3 Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life! 4 So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the church?



## 1 Corinthians 6:5-7 (ESV)

5 I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to settle a dispute between the brothers, 6 but brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers? 7 To have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you. Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be defrauded?



## 1 Corinthians 6:8-9 (ESV)

8 But you yourselves wrong and defraud—even your own brothers! 9 Or 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,



## 1 Corinthians 6:10-11 (ESV)

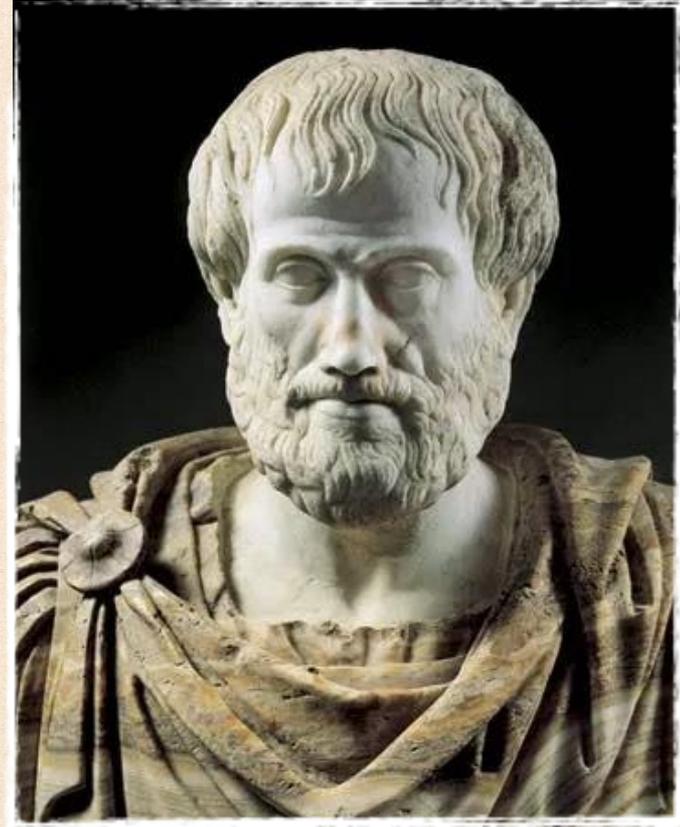
10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.



“When one of you has a grievance  
against another, does he dare go to law  
before the unrighteous instead of the  
saints?” (v. 1)



*“Corinth is full of  
lawyers  
innumerable  
perverting  
judgment.”*



**Dio Chrysostom**



*“Of what avail are laws to be where money rules alone, and the poor suitor can never succeed? ... So all lawsuit is nothing more than a public auction, and the knightly juror who sits listening to the case approves, with the record of his vote, something bought [with bribe].”*

*(Satyricon)*



# 1 Corinthians 6:2-4 (ESV)

2 Or 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? 3 Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life! 4 So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the church?



“But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.”  
**(Daniel 7:17)**



“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.” **(Matthew 19:28)**



“The one who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations... I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.”  
**(Revelation 2:25; 3:21)**



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“To have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you. Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be defrauded?” (v. 7)



**Option 1** - "See you in court. You should have settled; now you'll pay every penny."

**Option 2** - "Keep your ill-gotten gain. May your wealth burn with you, you heathen!"

**Option 3** - "Elders, shame and cast out this defiant, unrepentant brother!"

**Option 4** - "This is wrong, but if you will not heed discipline, the Spirit prompts me to make peace. Pay me for the materials and I will eat the loss."



“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.” **(Matthew 5:38-41)**



“Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: ‘It is mine to avenge; I will repay,’ says the Lord.”

**(Romans 12:17-19)**



“On the contrary: ‘If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.’ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

**(Romans 12:20-21)**



“O you of little faith? ... Do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” **(Matthew 6:30-33)**



“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them” Jesus says, “will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.” **(Matthew 7:24-25)**



“But you yourselves wrong and defraud—even your own brothers! Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?”

(vv. 8-9)



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In Christ & by the Spirit, we have been...

- WASHED (cleansed & forgiven for what is past)
- SANCTIFIED (set apart for God's service)
- JUSTIFIED (placed in right relation to God within the community of God's people).



We used to be people who would take advantage of those below and beneath us, manipulating each situation to best serve our ends...



...But now, because of Christ and the Spirit, we refuse any longer to participate in injustice. We are free to give ourselves to others, trusting the Lord to protect, provide, and make the world new.



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“Though he was in the form of God, [Jesus] did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.” **(Philippians 2:6-9)**



