

1 Corinthians 6

1. Review

1-11

1. Chapters 6 seems to start a new train of thought or controversy; however, it flows from chapter 5. Where they don't seem to judge those inside the church like they need to, but at the same time, have no problem bringing people before judges.
2. We know that most cases in the Rome Empire were the wealthy bringing charges those of lesser means and because of their means they could count on the judges' support. I think we can easily gather that this is probably happening within the Corinthian church.
3. The saints being the one who judge the world seems weird, but we see this throughout the Bible.
 - a. Daniel 7:22- until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High, and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom.
 - b. 2 Timothy 2:12- if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us
 - c. 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.
 - d. Revelation 20:4- Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Thus, Paul is calling them to have a long-range view of what it means to be saints, an eschatological view, with all the responsibilities that entails. These cases that they judge right now are trivial compared to what awaits them on the Last Day.

4. Verse 4 is tricky. Is Paul saying that some have no standing in the church? Or to describe pagans in general? Or something else?
5. Why does Paul tell them to endure wrong in 7 and 8?

- a. Romans 12:18- If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.
 - b. 1 Peter 2:17- Honor everyone, Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.
 - c. Galatians 6:10- So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.
6. Are secular courts to be totally shunned by Christians?
 7. How does Paul remind them not to live this way?

12-20

1. “All things are in my power” seems to be a slogan of Greek philosophy and in particular form Epictetus.
2. They are misunderstanding:
 - a. What Christian freedom is
 - b. That sexual appetite/indulgence is as natural as eating
 - c. That the body matters (ch. 15)
3. Paul says “do you not know” six times in this chapter.
4. It becomes obvious that sex outside of marriage is sexual immorality and Paul is trying to get them to flee from it.
5. Why is the body so important?
6. Who do the Corinthians belong to?

