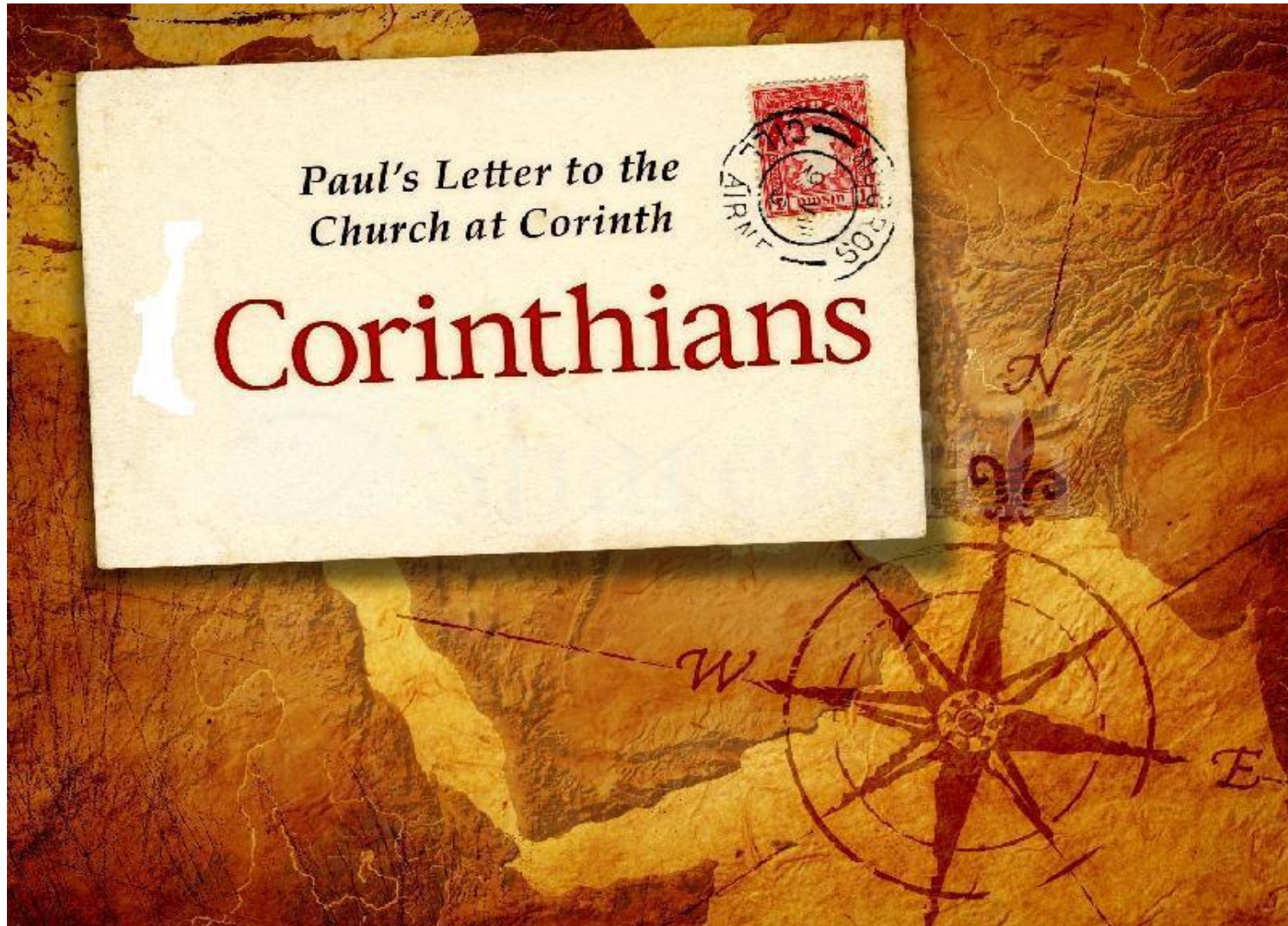


# 1 Cor. 6:9-11 God's Kingdom and our Salvation



# Today's Outline\*



## Christian Conduct in Handling Legal Issues 6:1-11

### The Content of I Corinthians 6:1-11

- a. The Corinthian Lawsuits Revealed Audacity 6:1
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\* adapted from McCalley

# Review



In Chapter 6:5-8 we discussed the following:

- Problem: dare to go to law before the unrighteous and not before the saints
- I say this to your shame - is not among you one wise man who will be able to decide v:5
- but brother goes to law with brother, and that before unbelievers v:6
- this is already a defeat for you - Why not rather be wronged and defrauded? v:7
- you yourselves wrong and defraud. You do this even to your brethren v:8

## Do you not know occurs six times in Chapter 6



- 2 Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world?
- 3 Do you not know that we will judge angels?
- 9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?
- 15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?
- 16 Or do you not know that the one who joins himself to a prostitute is one body *with her*?
- 19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you?

# Today's Verses



<sup>9</sup> Or 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 effeminate, nor homosexuals,

<sup>10</sup> nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>11</sup> Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.



<sup>9</sup> Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?

Or do you not know

- know (*oida*) is in the perfect tense
- you (Corinthians) have known this in the past and continue to know up into the present
- The Corinthians should know this!

**Subject:** the unrighteous

**Verb:** will not inherit

**Direct Object:** the kingdom of God

<sup>9</sup> Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?



## Who are the unrighteous ones?

from verse 1b: (Corinthians) dare to go to law before the unrighteous and not before the saints?

- so the unrighteous are people outside the church
- they are unrighteous according to God's standard
- they are contrasted with saints in this verse
- the Greek word for **unrighteous** is *adikos* which means unjust, unrighteous, falling short of the righteousness required by divine laws
- Rom 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God
- Romans 4:3b and Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness



<sup>9</sup> Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?

**Verb: will not inherit**

- this verb tell us that in the future the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God
- **inherit** - to be heir to any person or thing; spoken only of the friends of God as receiving admission to the kingdom of heaven (God) Zodhiates
- 1 Cor 15:50 Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.



9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?



**kingdom of God** – which includes all intelligences in heaven or on earth who are willingly subject to God. Entrance into the kingdom of God is by a birth from above. Chafer

The following verses tell us about God's kingdom:

- 1 Cor 15:50a Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God;
- Eph 5:5 For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.
- 2 Tim 4:18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom; to Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>9b</sup> Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals,



**do not be deceived** – present, imperative

lit: Stop being deceived                      Wuest

**deceived** - *planaō* - often it has the sense of deceiving oneself

1 Cor 15:33 Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."

Gal 6:7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.

James 1:16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

<sup>9b</sup> Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters,  
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- This list addresses sexual sins and the sin of idolatry.
- God's standard for sexual relationship is between one man and one women who are married.
- God is the Author: Gen 2:24 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.
- Heb 13:4a Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled.
- This list represents deviations from God's standard.
- The noun forms indicate that these immoral activities are the continual practice of the unrighteous. McCalley

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None of these people listed above (their sin defines their action) will inherit the kingdom of God.

**1<sup>st</sup> - fornicators and adulterers** – sexual relations which are contrary to God’s command but they are natural in the function between a man and a woman.

**2<sup>nd</sup> - effeminate and homosexuals** - sexual relations which are contrary to God’s command and unnatural in function between persons of the same sex.

**3<sup>rd</sup> - idolaters** - while primarily about the worship of idols, this also included temple prostitutes\*

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<sup>10</sup> nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.



- The next group contains five more sins of the unrighteous.
- These are also nouns and define a person's lifestyle.

thieves - *kléptēs* – to steal by fraud and in secret; of false teachers who steal men away from the truth

John 10:10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

covetous - *pleonektēs* - eager to have more; to have what belongs to others; hence, greedy of gain, Eph 5:5b --- no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

<sup>10</sup> nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.



drunkards - methyō – one who is drunk with wine (from methy, “mulled wine”)

Prov 23:21 For the heavy drinker and the glutton will come to poverty, and drowsiness will clothe one with rags.

revilers - *loidoros* - abusive, railing, reviling

John 9:28 They reviled him (the man born blind) and said, “You are His (Jesus) disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.”

swindlers – *harpax*- extortion, an extortioner; as a ravenous person or animal, as wolves

Matt 7:15 "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

“(nor) will inherit the kingdom of God” is repeated again in v:10

<sup>11</sup> Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.



and these things some of you were - interlinear

**subject:** some of you

- some of the Corinthians before they trusted Christ as their Savior were engaged in one or more sins

**verb:** were – *eimi* – the state in which someone or something continuously exists

- Paul calls them unrighteous in their state.

**direct object:** these things

- the ten sinful life styles listed in verses 9 and 10

<sup>11</sup> Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.



but you were washed

but – *alla* – in strong contrast

were washed - *apolouō* - to wash off or away. In the mid. voice, to wash oneself clean from, to be freed from sin. (past point fact, middle voice)

- That they were washed points to the work of Christ in cleansing them. McCalley
- A once-for-all cleansing is a part of the saving grace of God toward the lost when they believe unto salvation.

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<sup>11</sup> Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.



but you were sanctified

but - *alla* – in strong contrast

were sanctified - *hagiázō* - to make holy or to set apart  
(past point fact, passive)

- All believers are sanctified in their position in Christ.
- 1 Cor 1:2a To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus.
- Heb 10:10 By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.
- Sanctified points to the work of the Holy Spirit in setting them apart.

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<sup>11</sup> Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.



but you were justified

but - *alla* – in strong contrast

were justified - *dikaioō* – to declare to be righteous, to pronounce righteous, (past point fact, passive)

- Rom 3:26b so that He (God the Father) would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.
- Rom 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Rom 8:33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies.
- Justified points to the work of the Father in declaring them righteous.

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### in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ

- The washing, sanctification and justification were all accomplished in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- “In the name of” implies this was accomplished consistent with the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### and in (by) the Spirit of our God.

- The power of the Holy Spirit of God was involved in the washing, sanctification and justification of the believer.
- The Father, Son and Holy Spirit were all involved in this work.

# Final Thoughts



Some of the Corinthian Christians had been fornicators and had practiced the other sins Paul cited before they trusted in Christ. However, the blood of Christ had cleansed them, and God had set them apart to a life of holiness. The Lord had declared them righteous through union with Christ by faith and through the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit who indwelt them. He had made them saints. Consequently they needed to live like saints.

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