

Introduction: Having dealt with the evil of divisions within the church (chapters 1-4), and in chapter five the lack of discipline within the Church at Corinth; Paul now deals with the evil of Christians taking each other to the secular and pagan courts to settle their disputes. In effect they were “hanging out their dirty laundry” for everyone to see. Our society today possibly surpasses ancient Corinth in its passion for suing people. The “novel idea” of relinquishing one’s rights seems anathema to a culture that is obsessed with asserting them. But Paul is not addressing the surrounding culture, he is addressing believers within the Church of Jesus Christ whom he expects to behave radically different from the unbelieving world. Depriving yourself of your rights in the face of being wronged by another believer is hard for an individual who places very high value on the “almighty” dollar and property. In our passage tonight Paul will first admonish those who were being wronged (6:1-7), and then he will address those who were doing the wrong (6:8-11).

I. THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN WRONGED BY A CHRISTIAN - vvs. 1-7

A. THE CARNAL RESPONSE - SECULAR _____

B. THE EXPECTED RESPONSE - CHRISTIAN _____

C. THE CHRIST-LIKE RESPONSE - SELF _____

II. THOSE WHO HAVE WRONGED ANOTHER CHRISTIAN - 8-11

A. WHAT THEY WERE _____ - vs. 8

B. WHAT THEY ONCE _____ - vvs. 9-11A

C. WHAT THEY NOW _____ - vs. 11

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CONCLUSION

The conduct of the Christians in Corinth was characteristic of unbelievers - but they were not unbelievers, therefore they should not behave like unbelievers.