

## 1 Corinthians 6

1. In chapter 5, what is the first problem about morality that God and Paul write about?  
-That a Christian in the church had an immoral relationship with his father's wife.
2. How were other Christians in the church at Corinth a part of that sin?  
-Because they either were proud or did not care about doing something about the sin.
3. When someone in the church sins, who does it affect?  
-Not only that person, but also the entire church.
4. Why does the sin of one person affect the entire church?  
-Because Christ has made Christians and the church one.  
-Because the sin of one affects everyone.  
-Because the sin of one becomes the sin of everyone.
5. How does the sin of one become the sin of everyone?  
-The best example is the sin of Adam and Eve which has come into the lives of all men and women.
6. If the problem of sin is not resolved, what will happen?  
-Sin will increase.
7. What does it mean to hand someone over to Satan?  
-To put him out of the church into the world where Satan

rules.

8. Why can Satan not touch the spirits of those who believe in Christ?  
-Because Christ has given us a new spirit.  
-Because our spirits and the Spirit of Christ are one.
9. Why does God allow Satan to afflict Job and Paul and others who believe in Him?  
-God uses Satan to show us His power so that we will not depend on ourselves.  
-God also uses Satan to increase our faith in Christ.
10. What is Satan's goal in afflicting a Christian?  
-To destroy him.
11. What is God's goal in allowing Satan to afflict a Christian?  
-To show him his sin so that he repents.
12. If an unrepentant Christian dies, will God punish him for his sins in hell?  
-No.
13. Why not?  
-Because his sins have been paid for by the death of Christ.  
-Because his soul is saved by the blood of Christ.
14. What is the purpose for putting a Christian who has greatly sinned and will not repent out of the church?

-To help him to see his sin and to repent.

-As we study 1 Corinthians 6, God and Paul continue to teach about the problem of morality.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 6:1

1-If any of you has a dispute with another, do you dare to take it before the ungodly for judgment instead of before the Lord's people?

-What was the first problem Paul wrote about in the beginning of chapter 6?

-Christians were taking fellow Christians to court to be judged.

-What is wrong for Christians to take other Christians to court?

-As we learn from the verse above, God wants Christians to resolve their problems within the church.

-Why is it important that Christians resolve their problems with the church?

-It is a testimony to the rest of the world.

-What is this testimony?

-That Christians are one family with God.

-That Christians look to God and His people to solve their problems, and not to those who are not of God.

-If we take our problems to the world and those who are not of God, there will be much, much heartache.

-If we, however, take our problems to God and the church, there will be much less heartache.

-What should we do if we have a problem with a non-Christian?

-We should try to resolve the problem outside of court.

-What should we do if a Christian or a non-Christian takes us to court?

-Then, the decision to go to court was not made by us, but by someone else, and we are free before God.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 6:2

2-Or do you not know that the Lord's people will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases?

-What does it mean that Christians will judge the world?

-Is not Christ the judge of all people?

-Yes.

-In Genesis 18:25, Abraham said to God, “Will not the judge of all the earth do right?”

-When Peter went to Cornelius’ house, he told the people that Christ has been chosen by God to be the judge of all people (Acts 10:42).

-If Christ is the judge of all the earth and of all people, then how is it that Christians will judge?

-Christ is the judge for sin in all the earth and for all people.

-Christians, however, will judge or govern the earth and all people.

-To judge the world means that Christians will govern or rule the world.

-When Jesus returns to earth, He will establish His kingdom on earth, and Christians will reign with Christ.

-When Jesus returns to earth, Christians will be given the authority to judge or govern the earth (Rev 20:4).

-God through Paul is saying that because Christians will one day judge or govern all the earth and all people, then we should be able to judge small problems now.

Let’s read 1 Corinthians 6:3

3-Do you not know that we will judge angels?  
How much more the things of this life!

-What type of angels is the Word of God talking of here?  
-The Word of God is not clear.

-If these angels are good angels, then there will be no judgment for sin as good angels have no sin.

-As Christians will reign with Christ, we may judge or govern the good angels when the Lord Jesus returns to earth.

-As we learned in the last verse, the word “judge” can also mean to govern or rule over.

-If these angels are bad angels, then we know that Christ will judge their sin as Jesus also will judge the sin of people who do not believe in Him (2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6).

-It may be, however, that Christians will help the Lord Jesus in this judgment of bad angels.

-Whether the Word of God is talking of good or bad angels, the lesson is the same:

-If Christians are to judge or govern all the earth, and all its people, and angels, then we should be able to judge small problems now.

Let’s read 1 Corinthians 6:4-6

4-Therefore, if you have disputes about such matters, do you ask for a ruling from those whose way of life is scorned in the church?

5-I say this to shame you. Is it possible that there is nobody among you wise enough to judge a dispute between believers?

6-But instead, one brother takes another to court—and this in front of unbelievers!

-If Christians have a disagreement, they should ask the church to judge or solve the problem.

-Even though the church may not have any experience of judging problems, we have God the Holy Spirit.

-God the Holy Spirit living in Christians is eternally better than any judge who does not believe in Christ.

-Should we ask for a judgment from those outside the church?

-No.

-Paul was saying this to shame the Corinthian Christians.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 6:7-8

7-The very fact that you have lawsuits among you means you have been completely defeated already. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated?

8-Instead, you yourselves cheat and do wrong, and

you do this to your brothers and sisters.

-If we take other Christians to court, we are hurting God.

-How do we hurt God by taking other Christians to court?

-Because God and His people are one, and by attacking another Christian in court, we are attacking God as well.

-If we take other Christians to court, we are also hurting ourselves.

-How do we hurt ourselves by taking other Christians to court?

-Because God and His people are one, and by attacking another Christian in court, we are hurt as well.

-A Christian who takes another Christian to court loses spiritually, even though he may win financially.

-Instead of taking a Christian to court, what should we do?

-We should accept the injustice and forgive the other person.

-Why should we accept injustice and forgive the other person?

-Because God will repay all injustice one day.  
-In Romans 12:19, God promises that he will repay all injustice.

-Because God's justice is better than our justice.  
-Our justice is not perfect, but God's justice is perfect.

-Because we are not stronger than evil, and we will only be hurt more by resisting evil.

-Only God is not hurt by evil.  
-Only God can conquer evil.

-In Matthew 5:39-40, Jesus said this:

-“Do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well.”

-The only evil we should resist is when someone is physically hurting us or someone else.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

9-Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men,

10-nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

-Why are God and Paul giving the Corinthian Christians and us this list of sins?

-Are these the sins which can cause us to lose our salvation?

-No.

-There are no sins which can cause us to lose our salvation.

-Then why are God and Paul giving us this list of sins?

-God wants us to remember how our lives used to be before we believed in Christ.

-Why is it important to remember how our lives used to be before we believed in Christ?

-So that we can thank God for saving us from our sins in the past.

-So that we can call on God to help us not to continue in sin in the future.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 6:11

11-And that is what some of you were. 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.

-What did God do for all Christians when we believed in Christ?

-He washed us.

-He sanctified us.

-He justified us.

-What does it mean that God washed us?

-God gave us a new life by washing away all of our sin with the blood of Christ.

-What does it mean that God sanctified us?

-God gave us a new heart of the Holy Spirit so that we can live for God and not for sin.

-What does it mean that God justified us?

-God has given us a new righteousness, that is, His righteousness which makes us fully acceptable to Him.

-Did the Lord Jesus die only to save us from the punishment of sin?

-No.

-He also died to save us from the power of sin so that we would no longer obey sin as our master.

-This is what the Corinthians had forgotten, and all Christians can forget.

-God has given us a new life, a new heart, and a new righteousness so that we can live for God and not for sin.

-God has saved us to live for Him.

-Because God has saved us to live for Him, we should not be trapped by the immorality of the world.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 6:12-14

12-"I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but I will not be mastered by anything.

13-You say, "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both." The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

14-By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also.

-The Corinthian Christians were saying that they had a right to do anything.

-This was probably because they had been taught that they were now free because Christ has set them free.

-What is the freedom that we now have as Christians?

-We are free from having to work for our salvation.

-We are free from having to earn our salvation.

-We are free from the power of sin and death and Satan.

-While Christians have freedom in Christ, and sin no longer has power over us, we should not think that we

can sin without having problems.

-While Christians have the freedom to do anything, not everything in this world is good for us.

-In Galatians 5:13, the Word of God tells us not to use our freedom to do what pleases the flesh.

-We should use our freedom to please God, for all that pleases God will be a blessing to us.

-Instead of using their freedom to please God, the Corinthians were using their freedom to sin.

-With regard to eating, it seems the Corinthians thought this:

-God created the stomach to enjoy food, and since Christians are free in Christ, we can eat any food because God will destroy both food and stomach when we die.

-Using food as an example, it seems the Corinthians also thought this:

-God created the sexual organs to enjoy sex, and since Christians are free in Christ, we can have sex with everyone.

-What is wrong with this thinking?

-The Corinthians were starting with a truth from God, but

turning it to use as a sin.

-Along with misusing their freedom, the Corinthians also had a wrong idea about their body:

The Corinthians were Greeks, and in the Greek culture, their belief about the human body was twofold:

-1) The body is separate from the soul, and therefore, what happens in the body does not affect/touch the soul.

-2) The body is evil and because it will die one day, it does not matter what we do with our body here on earth.

-It is true that the body is separate from the soul, and when we sin as Christians, our souls are not taken away from Christ.

-When Christians sin, our souls stay with Christ, and Christ through the Holy Spirit remains with us.

-It is also true, however, that when we sin on the outside, it hurts us on the inside.

-Whether sin is on the outside or on the inside, it still hurts us.

-This is because our body is still a part of our being while we are here on earth.

-Are our bodies evil?

-No.

-As verse 13 teaches us, our bodies are meant for the Lord.

-What else do these verses say about our bodies?

-“By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and He will raise us also.”

-When Jesus rose from the dead, was only His spirit resurrected?

-No.

-Jesus was resurrected in both body and spirit.

-Jesus’ body was glorified, and the disciples touched his body.

-This will be true for all Christians.

-God will not only raise our spirit, but our body will also be resurrected.

-Philippians 3:21 teaches us that God will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body.

-This is one reason why Christians must not commit sexual immorality.

-Because God designed our bodies to serve Him, and not

for immorality.

Let’s read 1 Corinthians 6:15-17

15-Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never!

16-Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, “The two will become one flesh.”

17-But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

-What is another reason why Christians must not commit sexual immorality?

-Because our bodies are now members of Christ.

-When did we become a member of the Lord’s Body?

-When we believed in the Lord Jesus as our Savior.

-When a Christian commits sexuality immorality, he uses his body for evil.

-Should Christians who are spiritually united with the Lord unite with a prostitute physically?

-No.

-Who alone should Christians unite with physically?

-Their husband or wife.



-In Genesis 2:24, God teaches us that through marriage, a husband and wife become one flesh.

-Why does physical union between husband and wife not hurt our spiritual union with the Lord?

-Because they are one body.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 6:18

18-Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.

-What does God through Paul ask us to do?

-Run from sexual immorality.

-Why should we run from sexual immorality?

-Because sexual immorality can destroy us, and greatly hurt all those around us.

-Here are a few examples in the Bible of sexual immorality and how it destroys people:

-Because of the sexual sin of the Israelites, 24,000 of them died in one day (Numbers 25:9)

-Because of David's sexual sin, God told him that the sword would never depart from his house (2 Samuel 12:10).

-Because of the sexual sin of the people of Sodom and Gomorrah, all of the people in both of the cities were burned alive except for Lot and his two children.

-What is another reason that we should run from sexual immorality?

-Because sexual immorality promises pleasure, but in the end only delivers heartache.

-In Proverbs 7, we learn that sexual immorality is like a calf being led to slaughter, a deer stepping into a rope only to be shot, or a bird flying into a trap only to lose its life.

-When sex is within marriage, that is, between a husband and wife, then it is under control and good.

-When sex is, however, outside of marriage and immoral, then it destroys us and all who belong to us.

-Here is an illustration:

-When a fire is under control, we use it to cook our food, and it is good.

-When the fire is out of control, it destroys our homes and all of our belongings.

-Why is sexual immorality a sin against our body?

-Because our body belongs to Christ, and by using our body for sexual immorality, we are bringing Christ into our sin.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 6:19

19-Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

-What is another reason why Christians must not commit sexual immorality?

-Because our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit.

-Why are our bodies God's temple on earth?

-Because He lives in us by the Holy Spirit.

-Remember that God and Paul are writing to all Christians as well as the Corinthian Christians who had many problems.

-Even though we are not perfect and sin, we are God's temple here on earth.

-To whom did our bodies belong before we believed in Christ?

-Satan.

-Satan led us to use our bodies to do evil.

-But now, to whom do our bodies belong?

-To God.

-Therefore, what should our bodies be used for?

-To glorify God.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 6:20

20-You were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

-What is another reason why Christians must not commit sexual immorality?

-Because we have been bought with a price.

-What price did God pay for us?

-The blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

-If God has bought us with price of Christ's blood, then we belong to God, and should not live for ourselves.

-Christ did not buy us and set us free so that we can do whatever we want to do.

-Christ bought us and set us free so that we can do whatever God wants us to do.

-To do whatever God wants us to do is our best work in all of eternity.