

1 Corinthians 15 – 6:1-11

Saints and Wise Judgment

1. 6:1-3 – Know Ye Not?

- a. The problem: no one was acting like a spiritual man (saint): 1 Cor 2:15, 5:12
- b. God has given us wisdom to walk worthy – Eph 1:8-9, Phil 1:9-11, Col 1:9-10
- c. The world will be judged by God's saints – Psa 149:1-9, Mat 19:28, Rev 3:21, 20:4
- d. We are made meet (in Christ) to be partakers – Col 1:12, 2 Tim 2:11-12
- e. Corinthians are saints and will part of God's dominion – Eph 1:18-23, 2:6-7
- f. Our position in Christ is above all things (even angels) – Col 2:10, Eph 3:9-11, 6:12

2. 6:4-6 - Judging Things in This Life

- a. The mystery message qualifies us to judge all things – Rom 2:16, 2 Tim 2:7
- b. "Least esteemed" = because it should not need to go to the most esteemed
- c. Perhaps the least esteemed knew better than those puffed up – 1 Cor 1:25, 3:18
- d. They valued earthly things more than spiritual, and thought the world wiser
- e. There are two faults: 1) going to law with brothers, 2) doing it before unbelievers

3. 6:7-8 – Taking and Doing Wrong

- a. The solution: 1) take wrong, 2) consult the wise saints (spiritual)
- b. They are carnal, selfish, proud, doing wrong - 1Cor 3:1, 4:7, 5:2, 5:5
- c. The solution: sound doctrine applied – Phil 2:3, 2Tim 2:24, Rom 12:14-21, 14:10-12
- d. Responding to those weak in the faith is spiritual maturity: 1 Cor 13:4-6, Gal 6:1-3

4. 6:9-10 – Unrighteousness and Inheritance

- a. "Know ye not" God's kingdom is not unrighteousness? Rom 14:17, 2 Cor 6:14
- b. People want to use this to ban people from heaven, but no... Rom 3:10, Gal 2:21
- c. Christ obtained our salvation; we labour for a reward - Col 2:12, 3:24, 1 Cor 3:8
- d. Better to inherit than to have it all burn in fire – 1 Cor 3:15, 2 Cor 5:10
- e. The lesson: do not yield to the power of unrighteousness = Rom 6:13, 16

5. 6:11 – A Changed Identity

- a. "such were some of you", but now you are a new creature in Christ - 2 Cor 5:17
- b. They are saved people warned about unrighteous behavior – 1 Cor 1:2-5
- c. This is the doctrinal answer to wrong behavior: our identity in Christ – Phm 6
- d. The doctrine of our identity is in Christ - Gal 2:20, 2 Cor 5:14-15
- e. Washed is not water, it is Titus 3:5 regeneration into a new creature
- f. Sanctification is completed by the cross – Gal 6:14, 1 Cor 1:30
- g. Justification is by faith in Christ's finish work – Rom 5:1