

## **Can a Christian Lose his Legacy?** **I Corinthians 6:9-20**

The Corinthians were taking each other to law court to rob and defraud one another. Paul is ashamed of their behavior. These are the same people he has called Saints 1:1-3. But for now, he is chiding them and their behavior toward one another. He exhorts them that the church needs to operate above the standards of the world since they are going to judge the world and Angels.

The Church of Jesus is to Operate in and be Engaged at a  
Higher level of Ethical Life Because of  
Who We Were, Who We Are And Who We Will BE

- A. **Going** to the Court of the Pagans was Inconstant with their Future Responsibilities and Present Abilities. :2-6

**Principle-** In light of the exalted role in the future world, as believers we are to live properly in this present world.

- B. **Going** to the Court of pagans was inconsistent with the Christian Attitude of Relinquishing Personal Rights. :7-8

**Principle** As Christians we are to be willing to turn the other cheek and go the extra mile as Jesus demonstrated.

- C. **Going** to the Pagan Court with an attitude of selfishness to harm your brother will not help them grow strong in Christian maturity and sanctification that is needed to Inherit the Kingdom of God :9-20  
(NB. These people are called fleshly. 3:1)

1. The Principle :9a

- a. The People- (2 Options)

1. Non Christian?

(Tied to 6:1 “The unrighteous” and 6:6 “Unbelievers”)

2. Christian?

Unrighteous is what they had already done. “adikos”

No article with “Unrighteous” in :9 Hence it is referring to a

Quality of people not the identity of people as in 6:1 which does have the article “The Unrighteous”= a group of people.

- b. The Principle “Not inherit”
  1. Inherit is not same as Enter kingdom
  2. Law of Double inheritance Double Portion
  3. The difference between becoming a Christian and living as a Christian.  
(It is not automatic that Christians will always live right. Why command Christians to walk in the spirit and not carry out the lust of the flesh if it is not possible for Christians to live out their life in the flesh. (Gal. 5). In fact, Paul tells them that they do some of the very items he exhorts them not to do in I Cor 5:1-5 extortion, 6:18 immorality Gal 5:26)
2. The Practice- In the Present :9b-10a
  - NB Both sexual issues i.e. 5:1-5 and swindling i.e. going to court for money 6:1 are in Paul’s vice list. ( See 6:12-20 also concerning sexual sin)
3. The Promise- For the Future : 10b
4. The Perspective- From the Past :11  
(These people were saved 1:2-3 and are saved 6:11)
5. The Prescription- For the Present :12-20
  - a. The Problem
    - The Corinthian Rhyme
    - The Cosmic Reality
  - b. The Perspective
    - What you are- Gods Temple
    - Who’s you are- Gods Creation
    - What you should do- Glorify God

The Principle for life

The Practice for us