

1 CORINTHIANS 6

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PAUL REBUKES THE CORINTHIAN DISCIPLES

FOR TAKING CASES BEFORE UNBELIEVING JUDGES

1 Does anyone of you dare, when having a case against the other, to be judged before the unrighteous *ones*; and, not before the holy *ones*?

2 ¹ Do you not know that the holy *ones* shall judge the *Created Order*? And, if by us the *Created Order* is being judged by you, are you unworthy of judgements – *that is*, smallest *ones*?

3 Do you not know that we shall judge *heavenly* messengers², not to mention things pertaining to life?

4 So then, on the one hand, if ever you might have judgments pertaining to life, do you keep on appointing *as judges* these, the ones who have been lastingly reckoned as nothing in the Ekklesia?!

5 As touching shame, I am speaking to you!

Thus, is there not one among you a wise *one*, nor one³ who shall be able to decide over a difference of the brother *that is* his?

6 Rather, a brother is being brought for justice – and that, before unbelievers!

7 On the one hand then, *it* is already really a defeat for you that you have lawsuits among yourselves. On account of what do you not rather suffer being wronged? On account of what do you not rather suffer being defrauded? 8 Rather, you, *for your parts*, wrong and defraud. And, *do these things*⁴ to brothers!

PAUL EMPHASIZES THE VERY DIFFERENT ENDINGS

FOR THE UNRIGHTEOUS ONES

AND THE CORINTHIAN DISCIPLES

9 Or, do you not know that unrighteous *ones* shall not inherit a kingly office from God?

Stop being led astray! Neither

- fornicators, nor
- idolaters, nor

- adulterers, nor
- *morally* soft *ones*, nor
- men *who lie in bed together*, nor,
- 10 greedy *ones*, nor
- thieves⁵, nor
- drunkards, not
- revilers, not
- robbers –

they shall not⁶ inherit God's Kingdom.

11 And, some of you were these. Except,

- you were *ritually* washed off – except,
- you were sanctified – except,
- you were justified

by means of the Name of the Lord Jesus ⁷ and by agency of the Spirit of the God *Who is* ours!

12 All *things* keep coming out for me. However, all *things* do NOT confer a benefit?

All *things* keep coming out for me. However, I, *for my part*, shall NOT be held under authority by anything.

13 The things which are eaten *are* for the belly; and, the belly *is* for the things which are eaten. Now, the God shall leave idle both this *thing* and these *things*.

Now, the body *is* NOT for the Fornication; rather, for the Lord. And, the Lord *is* for the Body.

PAUL TEACHES HOW SEXUAL MORAL FAILURES

ARE CATEGORICALLY DIFFERENT

FROM OTHER MORAL FAILURES

14 Now, the God also raised the Lord; and, He shall raise us from *death* by means of the Power *that is* His!

15 Do you not know that the body *that is* ours are members of an anointed *One*? So then, having taken up and carried away the members of the Anointed *One*, might I make *them* members of a prostitute? May it never come to be!

16 Or, do you not know that the one who is being glued together with the prostitute is one body *with her*? For, **“The two shall be,”** He says, **“in regard to flesh one.”**⁸

¹ 92% of the Greek manuscripts, including the best line of transmission (f35), do not include the conjunction 'or' here.

² 'messengers' – The Greek word here is ἀγγέλους from which we get the English word 'angels'. In the New Testament this word can refer to heavenly, earthly, and even demonic messengers.

³ 92% of the Greek manuscripts, including the best line of transmission (f35), have 'wise, nor one' here instead of 'no one wise'.

⁴ 93% of the Greek manuscripts, including the best line of transmission (f35), have 'these things' here instead of 'this thing'.

⁵ 80% of the Greek manuscripts, including the best line of transmission (f35), have the word order 'greedy ones, nor thieves' here. On the basis of 15% the NU omits the words 'nor thieves'.

⁶ 85.9% of the Greek manuscripts, including the best line of transmission (f35), include 'not' here.

⁷ 87% of the Greek manuscripts, including the best line of transmission (f35), do not include 'Anointed One' here. On the basis of 3% the NU includes it.

⁸ A reference to Genesis 2:24

17 Now, one who is being glued together with the Lord is one spirit *with Him*. 18 Now, keep on fleeing from 'the Prostitution'!

Every moral failure which if ever a person might do is outside of the body. Now, the one who is prostituting is morally failing in regard to his own body!

19 Or, do you not know

- that the body *that is* ours *is* a sanctuary of Holy Spirit *Who is* in us, Whom you have from God, and
- *that* you are NOT your own? 20 For, you have been bought with a price.

Then, glorify the God by means of the body *that is* yours and by agency of the Spirit *Who is* yours!

Such things! It is from the God!⁹

⁹ 87% of the Greek manuscripts, including the best line of transmission (f35), include 'and by agency of the Spirit *that is*

yours! Such things! It is from the God!' *here*. On the basis of 3.7% the NU excludes these words.