**"THE FIRST EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS"**

 **CHAPTER SIX**

**OBJECTIVES IN STUDYING THIS CHAPTER**

**Read Chap. 6**

**What can we further learn from Paul about church conduct.**

1) To see how brethren in Christ should settle their differences between one another

2) To appreciate the proper use of our bodies in service to God

**SUMMARY**

Having seen that the brethren at Corinth were often filled with strife,

envy and divisions (**3:3**), and that Paul frequently describes them as

being "puffed up" (**4:6,18**), it is not surprising that they were also

guilty of the fault Paul deals with in this chapter: taking brethren

to court before unbelievers. With an expression of shock and

disbelief, he instructs them through a series of questions designed to

help them see how absurd and wrong such a thing was (**1-11**).

The latter half of the chapter deals with what must have been a major

problem in a city like Corinth: immorality. What might have been

acceptable behavior with their bodies prior to becoming Christians is

no longer acceptable, for even their bodies belong to the Lord, whose

Spirit indwells them, and who will one day raise them from the dead by

His own power. Therefore they should glorify God with their bodies

(**12-20**).

**OUTLINE**

**I. TAKING BRETHREN TO COURT (1-11)**

 **A. PAUL'S REBUKE OF THIS PRACTICE… He Questions the practice!!!(1-6)**

 1. Dare they take their personal problems to be decided upon by

 the unrighteous? (**1**)

 a. When the saints will one day judge the world? (**2**)

 b. When the saints will one day judge angels? (**3a**)

 c. How much more should they be able to judge matters of this

 life! (**3b**)

 2. More rebuke in the form of questions (**4-5**)

 a. Do they seek the advice of those least esteemed by the

 church to judge? (**4**)

 b. Don't they have even one wise man among them who could serve

 as judge? (**5**)

 3. The shame of it all: brethren suing each other before

 unbelievers! (**6**)

 **B. FURTHER COMMENTS CONCERNING LAWSUITS BETWEEN BRETHREN (7-11)**

 1. It is bad enough that they had lawsuits to begin with! (**7-8**)

 a. It would be better to accept wrong and be defrauded (**7**)

 b. But no, they found themselves doing wrong and defrauding

 their own brethren! (**8**)

 2. A warning and a reminder (**9-11**)

 a. The unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God (**9-10**)

 b. They had been such, but had been washed, sanctified, and

 justified in the name of Jesus and by the Spirit of God (**11**)

**II. GLORIFYING GOD WITH YOUR BODY (12-20)**

 **A. THE BODY IS FOR THE LORD (12-14)**

 1. What may be lawful may not be helpful, and should not

 overpower us (**12**)

 2. The stomach may need food, but that need is only temporary

 (**13a**)

 3. The body, which is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord,

 will be raised up by the power of God (**13b-14**)

 **B. OUR BODIES ARE TO BE MEMBERS OF CHRIST, NOT A HARLOT! (15-18)**

 1. Shall we take the members of Christ and make them one with a

 harlot? (**15-16**)

 2. No, for we are to be one in spirit with the Lord (**17**)

 3. Therefore flee immorality which is a sin against your own

 bodies (**18**)

 **C. THE BODY IS THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (19-20)**

 1. The body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is from God, and

 is in it (**19a**)

 2. You are not your own, you were bought at a price (**19b-20a**)

 3. Therefore glory God in your body (**20b**)

**END CHAPTER 6**