

#### 1 Corinthians 6:1-8 Thanking God for Reconciliation

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# Deep Divisions in the Family

#### What it Communicates to the World

- A Weak Gospel
- A Worldly People
- Why?



## 1 Corinthians 6:6

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#### What it Communicates about Theology

- Our God is Small
- Our Goals are
  Temporary
- Our Gifts are Divisions
- Our Grasp of Eschatology



## 1 Corinthians 6:2-3

<sup>2</sup> 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? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!

#### What it Communicates about Church

- A Defeated Gathering
- A Damp Candle
- A Distant Memory



## 1 Corinthians 6:4-6

<sup>4</sup> 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? <sup>5</sup> I say this to shame you. Is it possible that there is nobody among you wise enough to judge a dispute between believers? <sup>6</sup> But instead, one brother takes another to court—and this in front of unbelievers!

#### Matthew 5:13

<sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

#### Matthew 5:14-16

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven

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## Christ: The Change in Church

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## 1 Corinthians 6:7b-9

Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated?<sup>8</sup> Instead, you yourselves cheat and do wrong, and you do this to your brothers and sisters. <sup>9</sup> Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God?

## Philippians 2:1-2

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind

## Philippians 2:3-4

<sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

## **Ephesians 4**

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup> Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love

## **Ephesians 4**

<sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;<sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.