

Our body is so important to God that He will raise up our bodies *by His own power*, as He *raised up the Lord Jesus Christ* (I Corinthians 6:14). This is one reason why this writer believes there is a terrible consequence which comes, as Paul says it so well in I Corinthians 6:15,16 . . . *Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? Know ye not that which is joined to an harlot is one body ? for two, saith He, shall be one flesh*; that virtually removes a person from union with Christ by joining his body to another in fornication. This kind of act, makes them one flesh, and a sin against his own body (I Corinthians 6:15-18).

1. Describe the body of the believer found in I Corinthians 6:19. _____

2. Where Paul said in I Corinthians 6:20, *For ye are bought with a price*:

(a) What did he mean? _____

(b) Because we are bought with a price, then what are we supposed to do? _____

SIXTH STUDY

A NEW FAITH AND A NEW FELLOWSHIP COURT CASES BEFORE HEATHEN COURTS FORBIDDEN (I Corinthians 6:1-8)

Paul felt the Corinthian Church was destroying it's influence within and without, therefore, hindering it's missionary effectiveness. There were several reasons, but at this time, Paul was concerned about their taking trivial disputes among themselves to the carnal Gentile court system.

1. What did Paul call the court system in I Corinthians 6:1? _____

2. Who did Paul say Christians were to take *any matter against another* believer *before*? (I Corinthians 6:1) _____

This does not mean believers cannot use the court system in a serious case with those who are non-believers.

3. (a) Who does Paul say will eventually judge the world? (I Corinthians 6:2; see Daniel 7:22; Revelation 2:26; 20:4) _____

(b) What other group does Paul say the saints will judge? _____

Not only will the redeemed believers assist Christ in the rulership of the world. They also will participate in the judgment pronounced on angels.¹

1. Beacon Bible Commentary, Volume 8, p.360.

Paul was inferring that if the Corinthians expect to assist Christ in judging the angels, they should be capable of making judgments regarding life here and now.

Why do you not rather take wrong? (I Corinthians 6:7). Paul is disgusted with their way of handling disputes among themselves. He is saying “Why don’t you just accept mistreatment, instead of fighting with your fellow believer?” The teaching of Jesus was: in Matthew 5:39, - *But I say unto you that ye resist not evil: But whosoever shall smite thee on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.*

4. In I Corinthians 6:8, what does Paul say the Church was doing to each other? _____

It would be much better for the Corinthian saints; for the work of God among them; and more honoring to God: for them to let themselves be cheated: because they were doing wrong themselves. They were cheating others. They were cheating their own brothers. (I Corinthians 6:7b,8) PURITY AMONG BELIEVERS (I Corinthians 6:9-11)

Regardless of what we used to be before accepting Christ, God changed us completely; totally; changing our behavior (sometimes not instantaneously).

1. Name the unrighteous acts mentioned in I Corinthians 6:9,10, that keeps one from inherit-

ing the Kingdom of God. _____

2. Paul, in I Corinthians 6:11, reminds the Corinthian believers of something about themselves concerning these same unrighteous acts. what was it? _____

INEXCUSEABLE SIN AND SHAME OF FORNICATION (I Corinthians 6:12-20)

Paul, in referring to food, says, ***All things are lawful unto me*** (I Corinthians 6:12). He was saying, “All things are in my power, but I will not be brought under the power of any. I will use self-discipline, and not become addicted to any. I am not under the Mosaic law any longer, I am saved by grace through faith, and can eat what I wish with a clear conscience. I am under the new Covenant.”

Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats (I Corinthians 6:13). The functions of the body have no spiritual meaning, *which all are to perish with the using* (Colossians 2:22).

God shall destroy both it and them (I Corinthians 6: 13). This will happen when the physical body becomes a spiritual body like that of God and the angels. We shall all be changed (I Corinthians 15:51,52).