



AS WE BUILD...

6:1-11

WE MUST LEARN
TO GET ALONG

¹ When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints? ² Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? ³ Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life! ⁴ So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the church? ⁵ I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to settle a dispute between the brothers, ⁶ but brother

For Class & Family Discussion:

- In your own words, what is a “grievance” (6:1)?
- Do brothers and sisters in Christ still experience “grievances” with each other today? If so, why?
- Why do you think Paul found it so disturbing that a brother in Christ would “dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints” (6:1)?
- What does Paul mean when he writes that “the saints will judge the world” (6:2)?
- What can we learn about the “cases” Paul is talking about when he describes them as “trivial” (6:2)?
- What does Paul mean when he writes that saints “are to judge angels” (6:3)?

goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers? ⁷ To have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you. Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be defrauded? ⁸ But you yourselves wrong and defraud—even your own brothers!

⁹ Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

For Class & Family Discussion:

- In your own words, how would you summarize Paul's point in 6:4-6?
- “To have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you” (6:7). In what ways?
- How should Paul's challenging questions in 6:7 shape how we handle “grievances” with each other, even today? “Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be defrauded?”
- What will it mean to “inherit the kingdom of God” (6:9)?
- The three verbs in 6:11 are very important to understand. What does it mean to be...
 - Washed?
 - Sanctified?
 - Justified?
- We are “saints under construction,” so what do we need to remember from 6:1-11?