

October 11th, 2026**What Happened to You?**
1 Corinthians 6:1-11

The very fact that you have lawsuits among you means you have been completely defeated already. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated? ⁸ Instead, you yourselves cheat and do wrong, and you do this to your brothers and sisters. ⁹ Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men^[a] ¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. 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. - 1 Cor. 6:7-11 (NIV)

OVERVIEW

- Believers _____ bring their disputes before outside judges (vv. 1-6)
- Their lawsuits reveal a _____ (vv. 7-8)
- Their conduct is challenged by their _____ and _____ (vv. 9-11)

IMPLICATIONS

- Being wronged doesn't justify becoming a _____. (cf. 1 Cor. 6:7-9; Matt. 5:38-42)
- What happened to us can be real without becoming _____. (cf. 1 Cor. 6:7-8, 11; Rom. 6:12, 18)
- What _____ has done for us can become more determinative than what _____ has done to us. (cf. 1 Cor. 6:11; 1 Pet. 2:21-24)

TALK IT OVER

Because we believe that the sharing of our ideas and beliefs enhances our spiritual growth in ways teaching alone cannot - we encourage you to join a small group at Sunridge and discuss some of the following questions.

When you first heard 1 Corinthians 6:1-11, what caught your attention or raised a question? After studying the passage, how does that compare with what Paul seems most concerned about?

Paul calls their lawsuits "already a defeat" (v. 7), even though some had genuinely been wronged. How can we be right (or even win) and still lose something more important?

Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 again. What does Paul mean by "inherit the kingdom of God"? How do both our future inheritance and what God has already done for us (washed, sanctified, and justified) shape the way we live now?

What does it mean for something that happened to us to be real without becoming determinative? How is that different from minimizing or excusing the wrong?

What might change in a difficult relationship if what Christ has done for you became more determinative than what someone has done to you?

Where might Jesus be inviting you to respond differently this week (or in this season), remembering that the person who wronged you does not get to decide who you become next?



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OVERVIEW

- Believers INAPPROPRIATELY bring their disputes before outside judges (vv. 1-6)
- Their lawsuits reveal a DEEPER DEFEAT (vv. 7-8)
- Their conduct is challenged by their FUTURE INHERITANCE and NEW REALITY (vv. 9-11)

IMPLICATIONS

- Being wronged doesn't justify becoming a WRONGDOER. (cf. 1 Cor. 6:7-9; Matt. 5:38-42)
- What happened to us can be real without becoming DETERMINATIVE. (cf. 1 Cor. 6:7-8, 11; Rom. 6:12, 18)
- What CHRIST has done for us can become more determinative than what SOMEONE has done to us. (cf. 1 Cor. 6:11; 1 Pet. 2:21-24)

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