

Be at Peace with One Another

I. Your Spats (1-6)

Settle your disputes with one another in the church, not the courts.

II. Your Sufferings (7-8)

The win in court is a loss in the kingdom!

III. Your Spirituality (9-11)

Your position in Christ should govern your conduct.

What do I need to be at peace with my brethren?

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. Have you experienced a disagreement between two people in a church that got out of hand? What was the result?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 6:1-6. What issue is Paul addressing?

Why would Paul ask if they “dare” to do this?

What solution does he advise, and what is his rationale?

Why might people be reluctant to pursue resolution in this way?

3. In verses 7-8 Paul calls it a “defeat” to even have a lawsuit (noncriminal) against a fellow believer. Why is it a defeat?

How is having a lawsuit “wronging and defrauding (or cheating)”?

Have you ever “won a fight but lost the war”? What happened?

4. Read verses 9-11. Why would Paul list these sins here? (v. 9-10)

Paul writes “such were some of you,” then 3 times says, “but you were.” What do each of the words he then uses mean?

What's the significance of “in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God”? (v. 11)

5. Write a statement or two from what you've learned in this passage for how to settle disagreements you have with others in the church.