**In the last chapter (5), Paul dealt with what we would call a church “Scandal” – an illicit “affair” between a church member and “his father’s wife” – his stepmother. King Solomon said it best in the Book of Ecclesiastes – there is nothing new “under the sun”. Sexual scandals are sadly all too common in today’s churches. As Paul warned, this is what happens when sinful behavior isn’t swiftly and firmly confronted and condemned. What started as “a little leaven” seems to have spread through and corrupted many of the churches of our age. But there are even more problems in the proud Corinthian church, and in Chapter 6 Paul deals with two of them: litigious behavior (lawsuits – Christians against Christians) and sexual sins of other church members involving relations with pagan prostitutes, a practice for which Corinth was widely known.**

1. **Read verses 1-8. What were some of the Corinthian believers doing that made Paul say, in effect, “How dare you!”?**
2. **How should they have been dealing with their differences? (Read Matthew 18:15-20)**
3. **What did Paul reveal about the future concerning Christians in the matter of judging? (v. 2-3) Answer: Paul wrote that the we shall judge the and the .**
4. **Who did Paul recommend as judges for disputes among believers? (v. 4) Answer: Paul wrote that those who are in the church should be the ones who settle disputes.**
5. **In your own words, summarize Paul’s thoughts in verse 5. Remember that this church prided itself in their intellectual sophistication – they were “puffed up”!**
6. **What was “the root of the problem” with airing their disputes in the secular courts? (v. 6)**
7. **What, if anything, does this passage teach us about the kind of conduct Jesus expects from His people?**
8. **Read verses 7-8. How did Paul describe the problem of going “to law one with another”? Answer: He wrote that it was “ a “ among them.**
9. **What did Paul present as a more acceptable (and challenging) response to being “defrauded” by a fellow Christian? (v. 7; read Matthew 5:38-41)**
10. **What did Paul say about their actions? (v. 8) Answer: He said they “ “ and “ “. Who were they defrauding?**
11. **Read verses 9-11. This passage contains another of the of SEVEN “know ye nots” of this letter. What did the Corinthian believers not know this time? Answer: “The unrighteous the of God.” Do you think that Paul was referring to church members when he said this? (See also Ephesians 5:1-12)**
12. **What does this passage tell us about the membership of the Corinthian church? (v.11)**
13. **What THREE THINGS had happened to them since they came to Jesus? (v.11) Answer: They were “ , and in the Name of the and by the of our .”**
14. **Read verses 12-14. What amazing statement did Paul recite to the Corinthians? “All things are unto me, but not all things are .” (v.12) He further develops this truth by stating “All things are unto me, but I will not be the of any.”**
15. **In verse 13, what “Corinthian motto” did Paul quote, and what truth did he state in reply? “ for the and the for !” In response, Paul wrote “But shall both and .”**
16. **Also, in verse 13, what additional teaching did Paul offer the Corinthians? Answer: “Now the is not for , but for the , and the for the .”**
17. **Finally, what has God done with the Lord Jesus, and what will He do with us? (v. 14)**
18. **Read verses 15-17. This short passage contains TWO additional “Know ye not” statements! What is the first one? (v. 15) Answer: “What? Know ye not (don’t you know) that your are the of ?” (See Romans 12:4-5; Ephesians 1:15-23)**
19. **What then is a Christian man doing to the Body (members) of Jesus Christ IF he has sexual relations with a prostitute? (v.15)**
20. **The second “Know ye not” in this short passage is verse 16. What does it reveal, and where is this found in the Old Testament? Answer: Any man that has sexual relations with (“is joined to”) a prostitute becomes “ “ with her. As for the Old Testament source, go to the “Book of Beginnings” – Genesis. Read also Ephesians 5:25-32.**
21. **In verse 17, the apostle Paul presents a sharp contrast between our relationship with Jesus and the pagan practice of using temple prostitutes in attempting to “commune” with their idol gods: “But he that is joined to the Lord is .”**
22. **Read verse 18. When facing the temptation to commit sexual sins (fornication), what should Christians do? Compare and contrast the conduct of Joseph (Genesis 39:7-12) with that of Samson (Judges 16:1-5).**
23. **What places sexual sins in a category all by themselves? In other words, how do they differ from other sins (stealing, lying, swearing, and so on; v. 18)?**
24. **Read verses 19 - 20. Does the “Know ye not” in verse 19 sound familiar? (Hint: see Chapter 3 verse 16) What is Paul emphasizing to the Corinthians in this re-stating of that spiritual truth?**
25. **Read verse 20. Paul summarizes his discourse on the subject of the Christian and immorality by saying the we are “ with a .” What did it cost God to purchase us, “body and spirit”?**
26. **How should we “therefore” do what? (v.20) Answer: We should God in our and in our , which belong to God.**