

Judging the Dispute
1 Corinthians 6:1-8
November 7, 2021

I. The Contradiction (V. 1-3)

- A. Depending on non-Christians to resolve Christian disputes is telling a lost world that Jesus doesn't save.

- B. SO... Evil in the church must be confronted (Matthew 18:15-17).

II. The Consequence (V. 4-8)

- A. Going to unbelievers for justice tells the lost world:
 - 1. God's church has no authority.
 - 2. God's church has no wisdom.
 - 3. Therefore, God's son has no salvation.

- B. Depending on non-Christians to resolve Christian disputes is telling a lost world that Jesus doesn't save.
 - 1. BUT... The church is not God's only source of judgment (Romans 13:1-7).

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Corinthians 6:1-8.
2. What are some sources of interpersonal conflict in the church?
3. How are Christians supposed to handle interpersonal conflict, rather than suing one another in open court?
4. If Christians choose to depend on non-Christians to resolve interpersonal conflict, what message does that send to the world? What price does scripture say we should be willing to pay to avoid sending that message according to verse 7?
5. Is suing each other the only way Christians can respond poorly to interpersonal conflict or does this have a broader application? Explain.
6. Is the Bible telling us that Christians can never go outside the church for justice? Consider going to Romans 13:1-7 for help. How does a Christian tell the difference between depending on nonbelievers for conflict and resisting the authorities in Romans 13?
7. Pray for our church, that we would have a healthy culture of church discipline and protect each other from interpersonal conflict.

Church Bible Reading Plan

Bible Reading Plan: Jeremiah 31-33

November Memory Verses: Jeremiah 31:31-34

1 Thessalonians 5:15-18 (ESV)

¹⁵ See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

If you have not done so already, register from the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. If you were registered before, you will need to sign up again. The new registration will last through 9/5/21.

Register with your name and email address.

Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

- Tonight's meeting CANCELED due to Pastor Brian's ordination service and church family dinner.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain, Steve & Joy V. in Turkey, David & Comfort J. in Nigeria, Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona, Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia, Sylvia M. at ASU West, Arizona, John T. in California, Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand, and Jules S. in Thailand
- PRAY for all our students: elementary, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an on-line setting, or a home school setting our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Anita O., Alea O., Andi P. (son and brother), Ruth S. (mother), Reginald (sister), Monica M. (mother, JoAnn T.), Jeanette C., Ruthie C., Floyd and Karen C. (daughter, niece, Mary E.), Family of Char B., Cordero C. (grandfather), Ida S. (two sisters-in-law), Frances P. (brother-in-law), Marge D. (brother), Dorothy C. (sister-in-law)
- Those struggling with on-going health and other issues:
Michelle L. (constant pain issues, waiting on results from an MRI), Debbie P. (broke her leg and is now in rehab, still cannot put full weight on that leg), Twyla D. (had a stroke and now has a weakened right side), Ruthie C. (recovery from surgery), Linda C. (waiting test results), Gaylon K. (home therapy after hip surgery), Mary R. (awaiting kidney transplant), Debbie B. (blood clots in legs), Marcia H. (chronic fatigue)
- Others that you are aware of