

Message Notes

"Sex and the City...of Corinth - pt 2"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – *"Sex and the City leads to law suits?"*

Previously on Church in Crisis

1 Corinthians 4:6-7

1 Corinthians 5

THIS WEEK – Another related problem: Suing one another

1. How DARE you sue one another in civil court!

a. We will judge the world – 1 Cor 6.1-2

Matthew 19:38

Revelation 20:4

Luke 22:24-30

b. We will judge angels – 1 Cor 6.3

Jude 5-6

Revelation 20:7-10

Matthew 25:41

c. A tricky verse – 1 Cor 6.4

d. Shame on you! – 1 Cor 6.5

e. The real problem – the Gospel is being defiled – 1 Cor 6.6

2. You are completely morally defeated

a. Why not rather be wronged? – 1 Cor 6.7

Matthew 18:21-36

b. Instead, you wrong others – 1 Cor 6.8

3. The Gospel Reality

a. The wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God

Two implications

b. That was what you WERE, now live up to who you are!

Application – *"Does the Gospel make that kind of difference in your daily living?"*

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Other passages used – please use a pew Bible

Jude 5-6 Revelation 20:7-8 Matthew 25:41

Matthew 18:21-35 Galatians 5:19-21



PREVIOUSLY ON

**CHURCH IN CRISIS:
A STUDY OF FIRST
CORINTHIANS**

Three Huge Questions

1 Corinthians 4:6-7

⁶Now, brothers, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying, “Do not go beyond what is written.” Then you will not take pride in one man over against another. ⁷For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?

SEX AND THE CITY

OF CORINTH



ORIGINAL MOTION PICTURE SOUNDTRACK

The New Problem – Part One

1 Corinthians 5:1

¹It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that does not occur even among pagans: A man has his father's wife.

The New Problem – Part Two

1 Corinthians 5:2

²And you are proud! Shouldn't you rather have been filled with grief and have put out of your fellowship the man who did this?

The Solution - Part One

1 Corinthians 5:3-5

³Even though I am not physically present, I am with you in spirit. And I have already passed judgment on the one who did this, just as if I were present. ⁴When you are assembled in the name of our Lord Jesus and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present, ⁵hand this man over to Satan, so that the sinful nature may be destroyed and his spirit saved on the day of the Lord.

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The possible misunderstanding of the solution to part two of the problem

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⁹I have written you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people — ¹⁰not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. ¹¹But now I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat.

**Expect unregenerate behavior from
unregenerate people AND regenerate
behavior from regenerate people**

1 Corinthians 5:12-13

¹²What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? ¹³God will judge those outside.

**“Expel the wicked man from among you.”
[Deuteronomy 17:7]**

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Jude 5-6

⁵ Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord^b delivered his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe. ⁶ And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home — these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.

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Revelation 20:7-10

⁷ When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth – Gog and Magog – to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. ⁹ They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. ¹⁰ And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

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⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’

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²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?”

²² Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

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²⁶ “The servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ ²⁷ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

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³⁰ “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ ³⁴ In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart.”

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Galatians 5:19-21

¹⁹The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

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b. You WERE that... Now live up to what you are!

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Application Points:

If you have a dispute with a fellow Christian, do you seek your “rights”, or do you attempt to work it out?

Even if you can't work it out to your 100% satisfaction, are you willing to forgive?

Is the Gospel working in your life so that you no longer hold other's “accounts” in your mind or heart?

What would your life look like if you lived out this passage and the major implications of it this next week?