



“Letters to the Corinthians” Study Notes

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Lesson 10: Have You Been Washed?

1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Read Matthew 18:21-35. What was the question that Jesus addressed in this parable? What happens between the king and this servant who owes the king so much? What characteristics do we see in the servant after he leaves the king? What emphasis is made as both men who owed a debt give the exact same plea to the one they owed the debt to?

Why were the fellow servants greatly distressed? What action did they take? How does the king address the servant this time? What charge does the king level against this servant? What happens to this servant this time? What conclusion does Jesus make from this parable? What role does vengeance or reparation play in forgiveness, according to this parable?

Read Philippians 2:1-4. What would complete Paul's joy here? Why would that bring him joy? How should we consider others, according to this passage? How does this relate to lawsuits and vengeance being sought by believers against believers?

Read Philippians 2:5-8. We see here a glimpse of the mind Christ, and we are told to emulate this. What characteristics do you see here? Are these things that you strive to emulate, or do you consider these things as unattainable? Again, having this mind in common, how should we be treating fellow believers, even when they have wronged us?

Read 1 Peter 2:11-12. What is one reason that Peter gives us here to tell us why our conduct is so important? What impact was the conduct of the Corinthians believers having on those around them?

Read Romans 13:1-7. According to this, how did the governing authorities get to where they are? If you resist the governing authorities, what is the problem? Who are we servants of? Why does this matter? We should be in subjection to the governing authorities for what two reasons?

Read 1 Peter 4:7-8. What, above all, must we strive to do? (Note: Peter is talking to believers about believers here.)

Read Romans 6:12-14. How should we, as believers, obeying our new master, not live? How should we live? What, in your life, does that look like? What sin

do you struggle with? What is a practical example, in your life, of what it might mean to “present your members to sin”? What is a practical example of how you might “present your members to God”?

The Corinthians continued to obey the evil passions of their sin; why is this something that should not be even considered among those who have been set free from sin?

Read 2 Peter 1:3-10. What has been granted to us? Why is this so important for us to realize? Because of this, what should we be making the effort to do? Can we do this on our own strength? (Look at how many times “divine” power and nature is mentioned in these verses.) What warning do we have here about those who might be lacking in these qualities?

Given the rebuke that Paul is giving to the Corinthian church, do you think that these were qualities they valued?

The Corinthian believers’ value system was upside down. The things that they should have valued, they saw as despicable, and the things they should have rejected, they embraced. As you spend time with God today, consider how you might have upside down values as well. Ask God to help you to value the things that He values, and reject the things He rejects. Where might you be lacking in self-control? In steadfastness? In godliness? In brotherly affection?

Ask God to help you to see these things clearly and to repent where you may be in sin. Ask Him to help you to present your members to Him as instruments for righteousness, and ask Him to help you to see ways that you can avoid presenting your members to sin as instruments of wickedness. Ask God to help you to hate the sin you once loved, and love the things that He loves.