

Message by John Johnson
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The Church – The World's Real Hope for Justice
1 Corinthians 6:1-11

One would think our massive judicial system would translate into a nation of justice. But justice is often missing. Sometimes innocent people get hurt and abusive people are let off. We have law, but we don't always have justice.

Such was also the case in Paul's day in Corinth. But even worse, the Corinthians were looking to the pagan judicial system to arbitrate issues between members of the church.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Are there any specifics you recall from the message that were interesting or challenging to you?
2. Read verse 1. Do you think believers should always try to resolve problems through the church? Are there ever situations when it would be better to look to the legal system outside the church for arbitration?
3. Read verses 2-4. In stating Christians should not turn to the legal system instead of the body of Christ to deal with disputes, Pastor John said one reason for this is the "We are an eschatological community." What does that mean?
4. ("Eschatology" means "end times.")
5. John made the comment that "God is too just to do anything unfair." Do you agree with this statement?
6. Read verse 7-8. Do you agree that it would be better to be wronged than to win a lawsuit over a fellow Christian? Why would Paul say this?
7. In summary, how do you feel about the principle of resolving conflicts between believers in the church rather than in the courts?