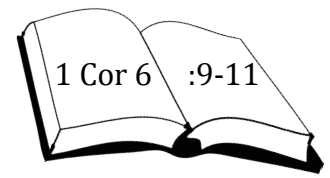


**Such were  
some of you**

1 Corinthians  
Lesson 13  
Sun 6/17/2018



1. So far in this chapter, Paul has been discussing taking your fellow Christian to court. The first phrase of vs 9 may appear to mean that this action doesn't make sense, because those in the courts are not even righteous Godly people. *However*, there seems to be a much stronger meaning!. Consider what he says in vs 8, followed immediately by the beginning of vs 9 – what seems to be the point Paul is making to them?
  
2. It is probably safe to say that most of us feel that we are living good lives, for the most part avoiding doing wrong. It is probably also safe to say that where we DO stumble and sin, we tend to fall back into the same weaknesses and temptations that have previously trapped us. What does Paul's equating taking a brother to court (vs 8) with the sins of vss 9-10 tell us about our "minor" sins?
  
3. Paul reminds us in vs 11 that we have been cleansed of these past sins – and he repeats this statement 3 times, in 3 different ways.
  - a. What 3 different words does he use to describe this cleansing, and what does each of them mean – how are they different?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. How should this repetition and use of different wording affect how you and I view any of our sins ("big" or "little")? (Consider also verses such as 1 Pet 4:1-3, Gal 5:19-24)
  
4. The prevalent thought in our society is that everyone should be accepted as they "are" – no one should feel they have to change from who or what they want to be. What does our text tell us about that line of thinking? (Consider also verses such as Acts 17:30-31; Acts 3:19; Acts 2:38; Lk 13:1-5; Gal 5:19-24; 1 Pet 4:4-5)
  
5. It is also common for those of us who are trying to live God's way to look down on non-Christians, to simply avoid them, or to treat them with disrespect. What does today's text tell us about that line of thinking, and how we should view and treat sinners? (Consider also verses such as Lk 19:10, Jn 3:16-17, Acts 17:30-31, Gal 5:19-24, 1 Pet 4:6)