

AND YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT PROBLEMS

FORGIVEN TO FORGIVE

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

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Actually, then, it is already a defeat for you, that you have lawsuits with one another. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded? On the contrary, you yourselves wrong and defraud, and that your brethren.

1 Corinthians 6:7-8

Q. What do you do when you are wronged by another?

A. Remember that you have been forgiven.

And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?

*Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. **And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.***

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

1. God controls the gates of heaven.

This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:3-4

A. The unrighteous do not inherit the kingdom.

B. The unrighteous are not willing to repent.

Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Luke 13:3

2. God forgives the worst of sinners.

A. He washes us in the blood of Christ.

Then he said to me, "These are the ones who died in the great tribulation. They have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and made them white. That is why they stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his Temple." Revelation 7:14-15

B. He sets us apart for His service.

C. He declares us righteous in His sight.

*There is therefore no condemnation for those who are in
Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1*

3. God forgives us so that we can forgive others.

A. Forgiveness does not wipe out consequences.

*You were a forgiving God to them, and yet an avenger of
their evil deeds. Psalm 99:8*

B. Forgiveness frees the forgiver.

Forgiveness sets the prisoner free ... and finds the prisoner was me.

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Have you been forgiven?

Is there someone you need to forgive?