

When you are in conflict with another believer, consider...

Not going outside the church for resolutions, because you will lose every time. (1-8)

The HUGE distinction between you and the unrighteous. (9-10)

How Jesus Christ treated you when you were offending Him. (11)

Questions for Discussion:

Have you observed a Christian taking another Christian to court?

If so, what was the issue?

How was it resolved?

Do you think any of the results Pastor Jeff gave (see below) were realized:

- Demonstrate you do not understand your position, stature and ability. (1-3)
- Declare that the church does not have the wisdom of God. (4-5)
- Defame the name of Christ by presenting a poor testimony to the lost. (6)
- Determine your selfish need to be right more important than trusting God's outcome. (7)
- Disgrace your brother or sister for whom Christ died. (8)

Have you observed Christians instead placing their issue before their church for resolution?

If so, what was the issue?

How was it resolved?

In what ways were the results the opposite of the above list?

In what way would the "unrighteous" of 6:9-10 be unqualified to solve a dispute between Christians?

In what way would the "washed," the "sanctified," and the "justified" be qualified to solve the same dispute?