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**The Tragedy Of Forgetting Whose We Are and Who We Are**

1 Corinthians 6:1-11

**Key Truth:** When Christians argue and fight in the public sphere it brings discredit upon the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**We Have A New Family:**

1. God is our Father.

2. We put family first.

3. We may disagree with family but we always protect family

 unity from outside interference.

 A. We don’t want to embarrass the name of our Father.

**How To Deal With Conflict Among Family:**

1. We should submit to the authority of the word.

2. We should submit to the judgement of the local church.

3. We should be willing to suffer loss rather than to take our

 disputes before unbelievers.

**Why Discipleship Is So Important:**

1. It helps us live out the Great Commandment in practical

 ways. **Matthew 22:34-39**

2. Our relationship with one another is the principal witness of

 our faith.

3. Our new identity in Christ should determine how we live

 presently.

4. We are not to be known by our past life.

 A. We have not only been declared righteous we have been

 given the power to live righteous lives.

 B. The sins of this present world should not be named among

 the children of God.

 C. If our lives are characterized by theses sins then it is an

 indicator that we have not been born again.

**Taking It Beyond the Walls:** Don’t allow pride, stubbornness and unforgiveness to rule your life. Live in peace with the family God.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21: Becoming part of God’s family includes some amazing new benefits along with new responsibilities. How does Paul further expand our understanding of what happens and what it means to become part of God’s family?

What did it say about their view of their money or pride that the Corinthians would be willing to sue other believers?

Why would suing other believers bring shame on the church at Corinth? How might such lawsuits bring shame on our church?

Read Matthew 5:38-42: How should Christians handle being wronged, insulted and cheated?

How does this contrast with what the world says to do?

Read Philemon 8-21: What is Paul asking Philemon to do for Onesimus on his behalf? How much more should we deal with brothers/sisters who offend for Christ sake?

Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11: Paul list things that Christ has redeemed us from. Why would having a lifestyle characterized by these things raise questions about our salvation?

Many Christians seem to focus on the sin of “homosexuality” as being the most egregious while overlooking the others. Why do think that is? Why doesn’t Paul?