

# The Crime of Christians in Court

## 1 Corinthians 6:1-8

**The Problem: The church in Corinth fell into the same legal mess as the secular society surrounding them.**

**The root cause of these problems was not a legal matter...it was a spiritual problem!**

**Three major instructions to believers handling legal disputes:**

1. Avoid taking another Christian to court. (vs. 1)
2. Use wise and righteous Christians within the church to mediate settlements. (vs. 4-6)
3. Accept the outcome of Christian mediation even if you should suffer injustice. (vs. 6-8)

**Conclusion: Six reasons to seek reconciliation rather than reparations.**

1. Deescalate to mediate
2. Be humble
3. Reality check
4. Give grace
5. Preserve inner peace
6. Witness integrity