



The Situation:

1 If any of you has a dispute against another, how dare you take it to court before the unrighteous, and not before the saints?



Louing our brothers and sisters in Christ can only come about when our hearts are saturated with the truths of the Gospel.



Driving Question:

What truths of the Gospel must we remember if we are going to love each other the way we have been loved?



1. Remember Where The Gospel is Taking Us

2 Or don't you know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the trivial cases? 3 Don't you know that we will judge angels—how much more matters of this life?



2. Remember Who The Gospel has Made Us

4 So if you have such matters, do you appoint as your judges those who have no standing in the church? 5 I say this to your shame! Can it be that there is not one wise person among you who is able to arbitrate between fellow believers? 6 Instead, brother goes to court against brother, and that before unbelievers! 7 As it is, to have legal disputes against one another is already a defeat for you. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated? 8 Instead, you yourselves do wrong and cheat—and you do this to brothers and sisters!



3. Remember How The Gospel has Saved Us

9 Don't you know that the unrighteous will not inherit God's kingdom? Do not be deceived: No sexually immoral people, idolaters, adulterers, or males who have sex with males, 10 no thieves, greedy people, drunkards, verbally abusive people, or swindlers will inherit God's kingdom. 11 And some of you used to be like this. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.



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What truths of the Gospel must we remember if we are going to love each other the way we have been loved?

Answer:

If we are to love one another the way we have been loved by the Gospel we must never forget that our destiny is in heaven, that our identity is as God's adopted children and that we have been cleansed, set apart and are now completely justified before God.