

SERMON OUTLINE

SERMON TITLE: Be Who You Are...In Christ

PASSAGE: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11

DATE: February 7,2021

I. Rebuke: Stop Putting Yourself above the Name of Christ (6:1-8)

II. Warning: Don't Be Deceived (6:9-10)

- “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.” 1 John 1:8-10
- “No one who abides in [Jesus] keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.” 1 John 3:6-8
- “The Christian may sin, but if they are truly of God, they will agree with him that their sin is sin, will confess it, and turn from it. They will...become what they are. This is quite different from those who refuse to define sin as God defines it, who rationalize their behavior as not being sin, or who otherwise defy God's authority in their lives.” Karen Jobes

III. Run from your sin and run to your Savior, Jesus.

IV. Exhortation: Remember Who You Are...in Christ (6:11)

- “Ultimately the Corinthians are conducting themselves as though their God-given identity is of no importance. They are forgetting the gospel. They are failing to be what they are. They are saints, but they are acting like non-saints. They are righteous, but they are living as though they were unrighteous. The result is that their community, which is to be a present glimpse of the future community that God intends for the world, has nothing to offer—they have no means of displaying the way a gospel shapes a community.” Stephen Um
- “To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together” (1:2)
- “And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption” (1:30)
- “This is the heart of biblical Christianity: ‘such were some of you.’ There were Christians in the church at Corinth that everybody knew had been fornicators. Everybody knew they were adulterers, and everybody knew they had been practicing homosexuals. They knew it. Paul knew it – and he's not even there. They were not driven away. They were folded in, and the way they were folded in, it says, is they were ‘justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.’ So, they heard the gospel, they turned to the Lord Jesus, and turned away from those practices and held onto Jesus, and were by faith united to Jesus.” John Piper

V. Rejoice in Christ redeeming you to himself.

VI. Remember who you now are in Christ and walk in him.