

Welcome!



1 CORINTHIANS

SINNERS *made* SAINTS

1 Corinthians 5: 11 (ESV)

But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one.

1 Corinthians 5: 12 (ESV)

God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.”

1 Corinthians 6: 1 (ESV)

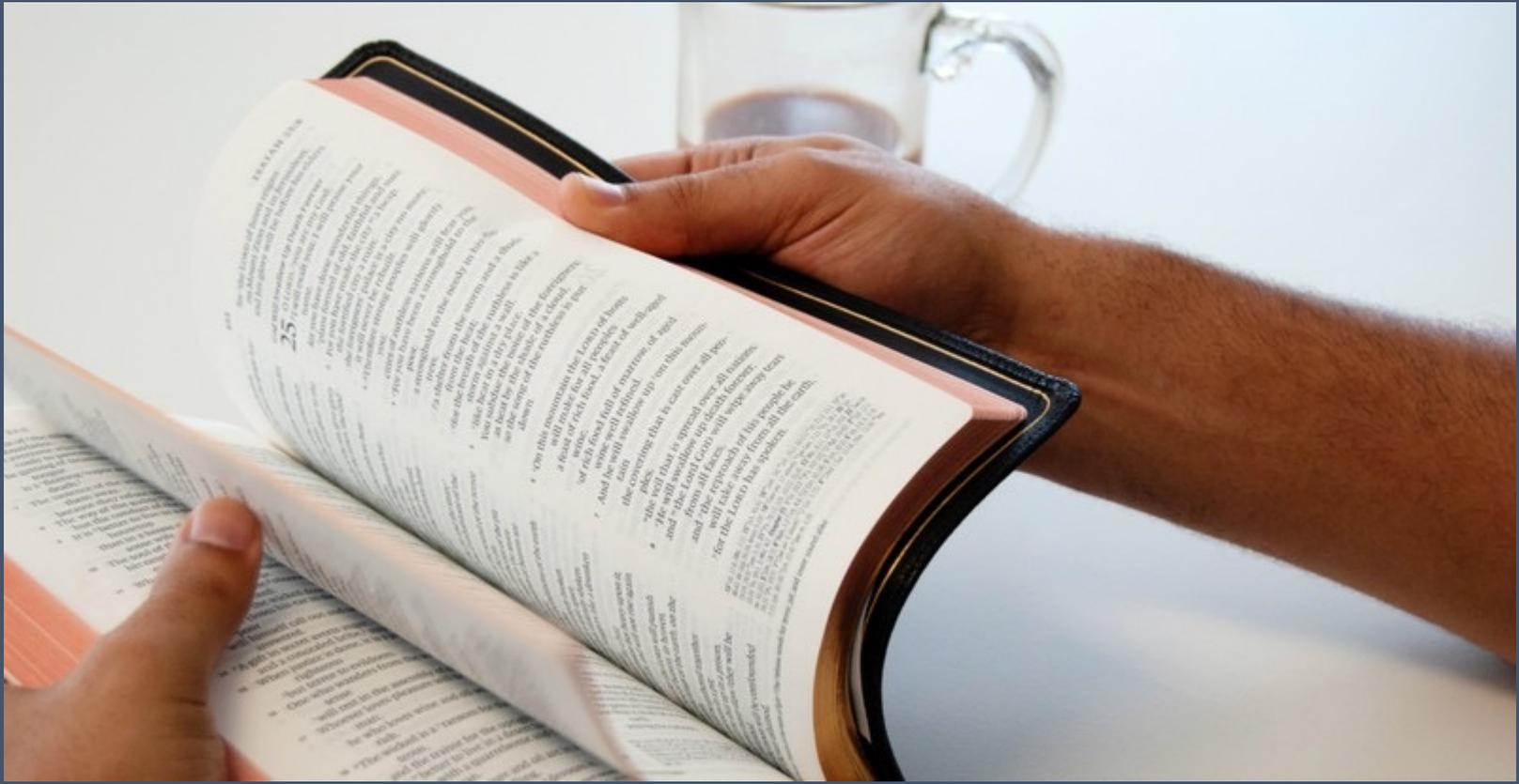
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Question?

What is Paul warning
against here?

Question?

How should we handle
grievances in the Church?



Please turn to:
Matthew 18: 15-20

Matthew 18: 15-20 (ESV)

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.”

Matthew 18: 15-20 (ESV)

*But if he does not listen,
take one or two others along
with you, that every charge
may be established by the
evidence of two or three
witnesses.*

Matthew 18: 15-20 (ESV)

If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Matthew 18: 15-20 (ESV)

Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Matthew 18: 15-20 (ESV)

Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

1 Corinthians 6: 1 (ESV)

When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints?

Question?

Which should provide true justice, the unrighteous or the saints?

Question?

Why is justice often not found in our court systems?

1 Corinthians 6: 2 (ESV)

Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases?

1 Corinthians 6: 2 (NLT)

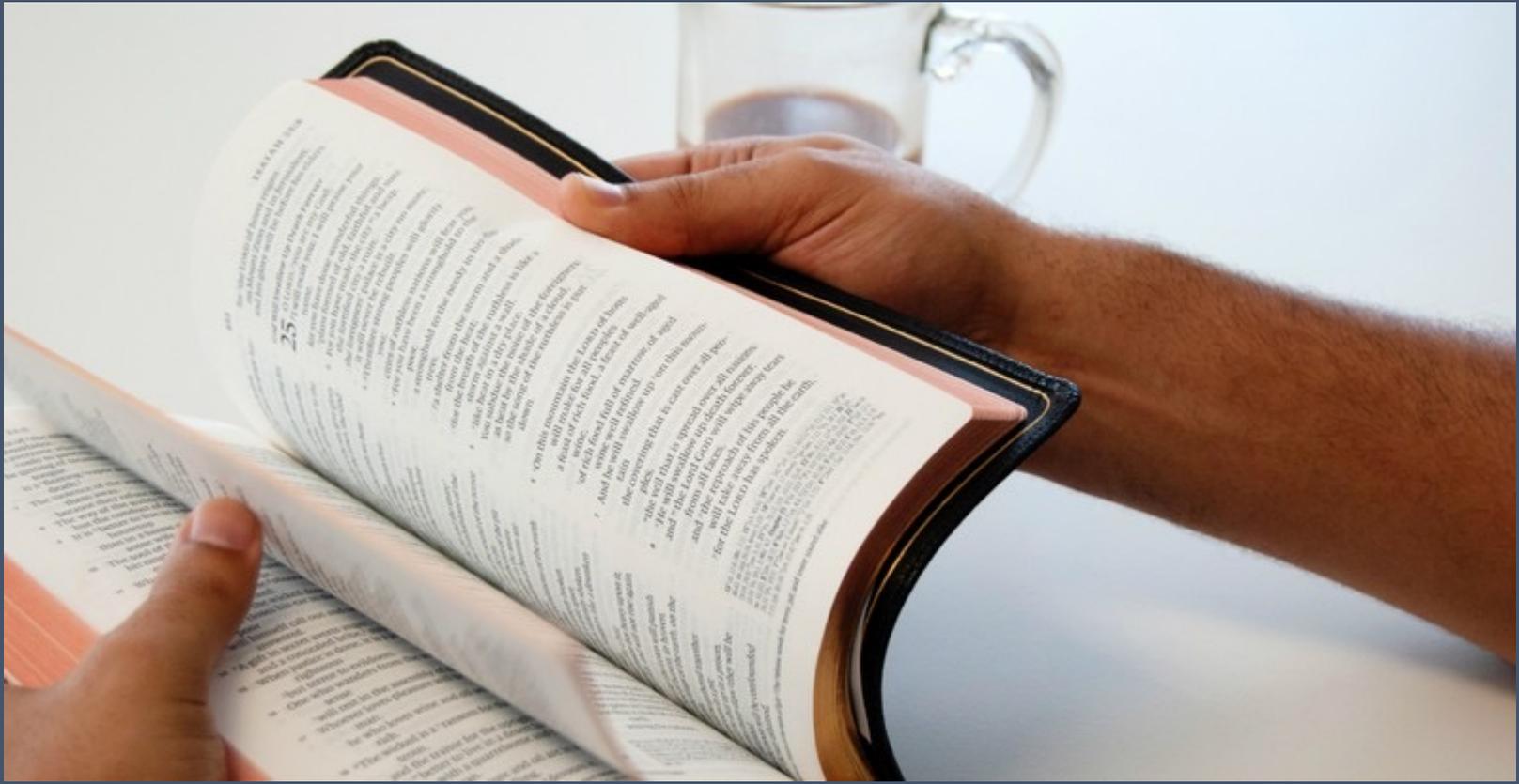
Don't you realize that someday we believers will judge the world? And since you are going to judge the world, can't you decide even these little things among yourselves?

Question?

Were you aware of this?

Question?

What do you think about
this?



Please turn to:
Jude 1: 14-15

Jude 1: 14-15 (NLT)

Enoch, who lived in the seventh generation after Adam, prophesied about these people. He said,
“Listen! The Lord is coming with countless thousands of his holy ones”

Jude 1: 14-15 (NLT)

**to execute judgment on
the people of the world.**

*He will convict every person
of all the ungodly things
they have done and for all
the insults that ungodly
sinners have spoken against
him.”*

Not only are we Christians
going to judge the world,
listen to what Paul says
next!

1 Corinthians 6: 3 (ESV)

**Do you not know that
we are to judge angels?**

*How much more, then,
matters pertaining to this
life!*

Question?

Should we be able to solve
our issues within our
Church family without
going outside of the
Church?

Question?

What happens when the issues inside of a Church is made public?

1 Corinthians 6: 4 (ESV)

So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the church?

Question?

What is the answer to this question?

1 Corinthians 6: 5 (ESV)

I say this to your shame.

*Can it be that there is no one
among you wise enough to
settle a dispute between the
brothers,*

1 Corinthians 6: 6 (ESV)

*but brother goes to law
against brother, and that
before unbelievers?*

1 Corinthians 6: 7 (ESV)

**To have lawsuits at all
with one another is
already a defeat for
you. Why not rather suffer
wrong? Why not rather be
defrauded?**

Question?

Why is there already a
defeat when there are
lawsuits amongst
Christians?

Question?

What do lawsuits produce?

1 Corinthians 6: 7 (NLT)

Even to have such lawsuits with one another is a defeat for you. Why not just accept the injustice and leave it at that? Why not let yourselves be cheated?

Question?

What point is Paul making
with the following
questions:

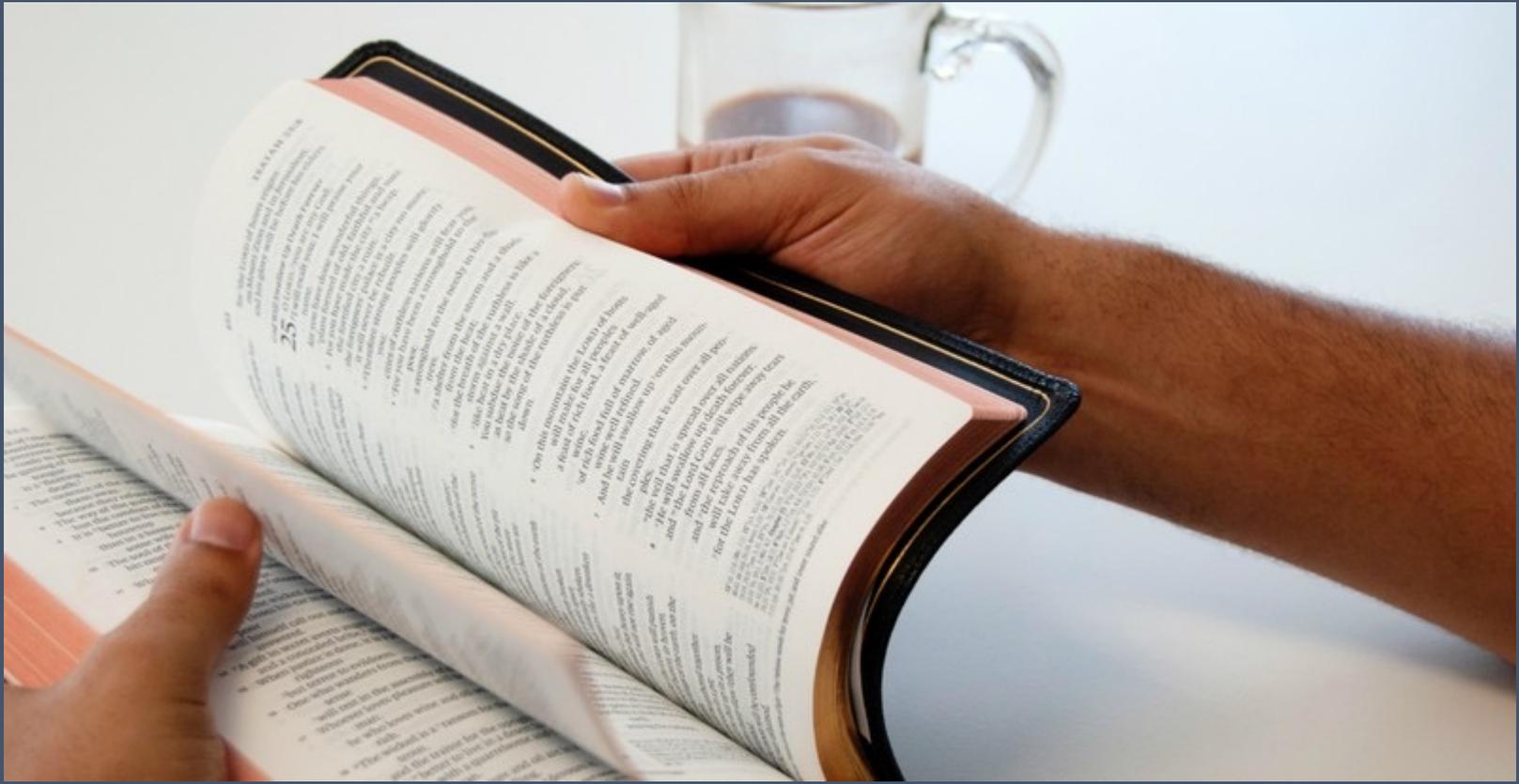
*Why not just accept the
injustice and leave it at that?
Why not let yourselves be
cheated?*

1 Corinthians 6: 8 (ESV)

*But you yourselves wrong
and defraud—even your
own brothers!*

Question?

So how do we get along?



Please turn to:
Romans 12: 9-21

Romans 12: 9-21 (NLT)

Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.

Romans 12: 9-21 (NLT)

Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

Romans 12: 9-21 (NLT)

Bless those who persecute you.

Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!

Romans 12: 9-21 (NLT)

Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

Romans 12: 9-21 (NLT)

*Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say,
“I will take revenge;
I will pay them back,”
says the Lord.*

Romans 12: 9-21 (NLT)

Instead,

*“If your enemies are hungry,
feed them.*

*If they are thirsty, give them
something to drink.*

*In doing this, you will heap
burning coals of shame on
their heads.”*

*Don't let evil conquer you, but
conquer evil by doing good.*

1 Corinthians 6: 9a (ESV)

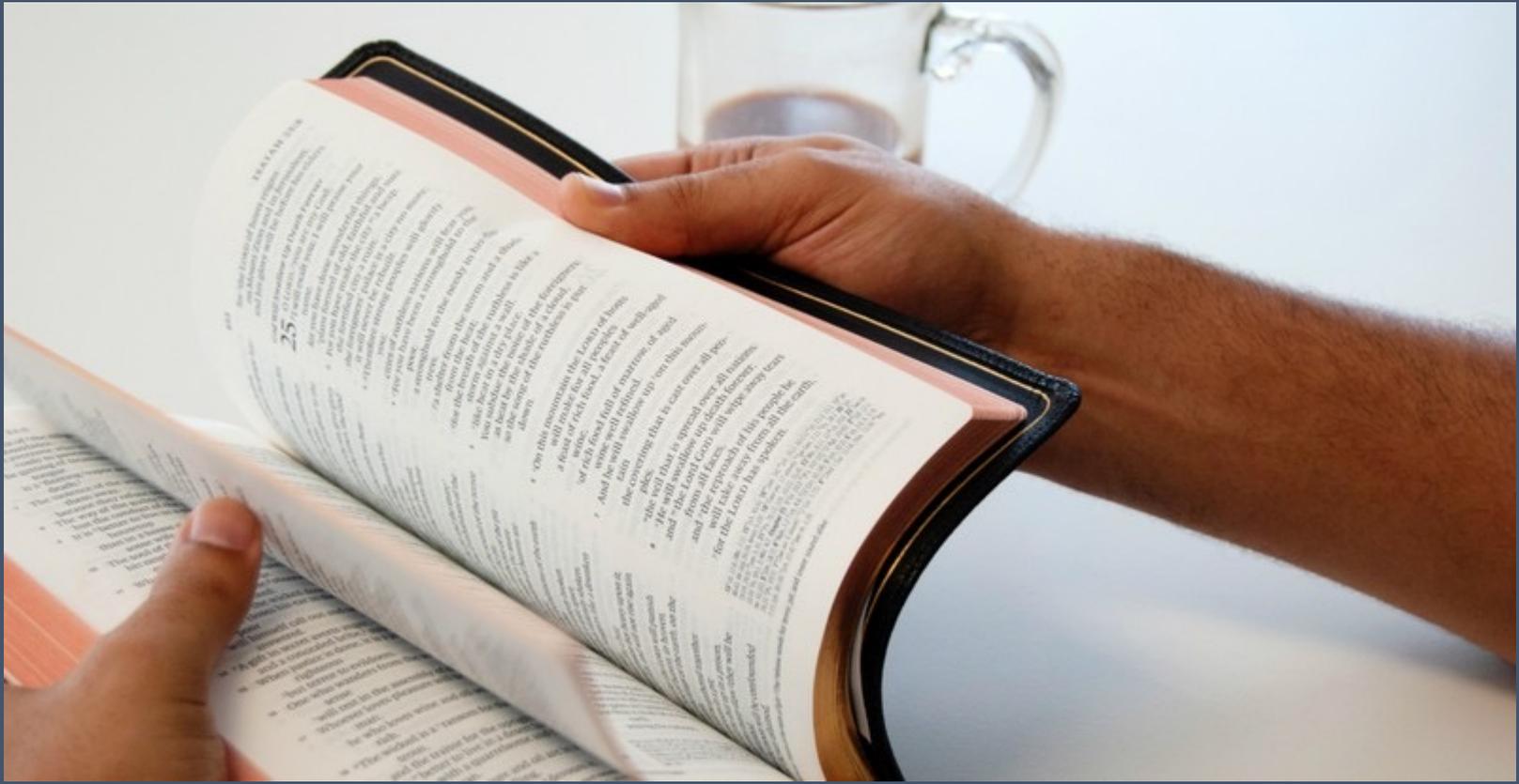
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unrighteous will not inherit
the kingdom of God?*

Question?

Why is Paul asking this
question?

Question?

How do the righteous act?



Please turn to:
Galatians 5: 22-24

Galatians 5: 22-24 (ESV)

*But the fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness,
goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness, self-
control; against such things
there is no law.*

Galatians 5: 22-24 (ESV)

And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Question?

What does it mean to
crucify the flesh with its
passions and desires?

Question?

Can you demonstrate the fruits of the spirit and the desires of the flesh at the same time?

Question?

If the Church truly crucified the flesh and expressed the fruits of the Spirit would there be lawsuits among them?

1 Corinthians 6: 9a (ESV)

*Or do you not know that the
unrighteous will not inherit
the kingdom of God?*

Question?

Why is Paul jumping from lawsuits to the unrighteous?

1 Corinthians 6: 9b-10 (NASB)

Do not be deceived;

Question?

Should we pay attention to
this warning?

Question?

We looked at the fruits of the Spirit earlier, now Paul is going to give us the fruits of the flesh.

1 Corinthians 6: 9b-10 (NASB)

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reviler

loídoros – reproach
(reviling);

injuring another's
reputation by denigrating,
abusive insults

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Question?

Where will those who are
living in sin not enter?

Question?

So is there hope for us?

1 Corinthians 6: 11a (ESV)

*And such were some of
you.*

Question?

What does it mean to be a
were?

1 Corinthians 6: 11 (ESV)

And such were some of you. 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.

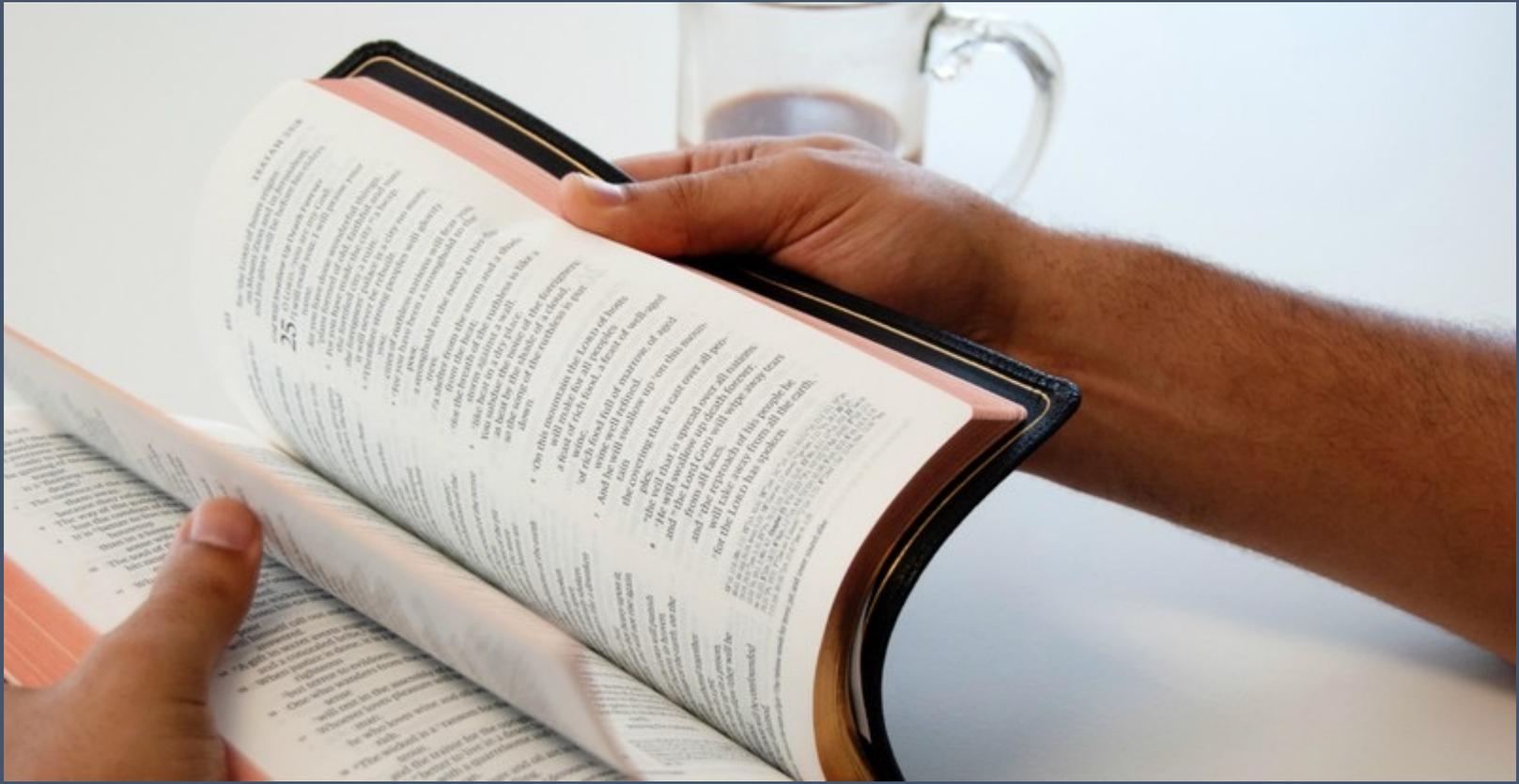
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Question?

Paul is telling this Church, and us today, you have been reborn, your life is different and you are now holy in the sight of God through the blood of Christ so quit living like you were before Christ (BC)!

Are you living a BC life or an AD life?



Please turn to:
Ephesians 2: 1-10

Ephesians 2: 1-2 (NIV)

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live

Question

What is the significance of
the phrase:
“in which you used to live”?

Ephesians 2: 1-2 (NIV)

when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

Question

What happens when you
follow the ways of this
world?

Ephesians 2: 3 (NIV)

All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

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Question

What is Paul talking about when he says BC we were deserving of wrath?

Ephesians 2: 4 (NIV)

But *because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,*

Ephesians 2: 5 (NIV)

*made us alive with Christ
even when we were dead in
transgressions—it is by grace
you have been saved.*

Ephesians 2: 6 (NIV)

*And God raised us up with
Christ and seated us with
him in the heavenly realms
in Christ Jesus,*

Ephesians 2: 7 (NIV)

*in order that in the coming
ages he might show the
incomparable riches of his
grace, expressed in his
kindness to us in Christ
Jesus.*

Question

When is the coming ages referring to?

Question

What is God telling us
today?

Life BC

- We are dead!
- We remain in our transgressions and sins!
- We remain under the control of the flesh!
- We are under the wrath of God!

Life AD

- We are alive!
- We are forgiven!
- We have crucified the flesh!
- We have been reborn with Christ!
- We are seated with Christ!

Ephesians 2: 8 (NIV)

*For it is by grace you have
been saved, through faith—
and this is not from
yourselves, it is the gift of
God—*

Ephesians 2: 9 (NIV)

*not by works, so that no one
can boast.*

Question

What is God telling us about
Grace?

Question

Why is Grace not based on works?

Ephesians 2: 9 (NIV)

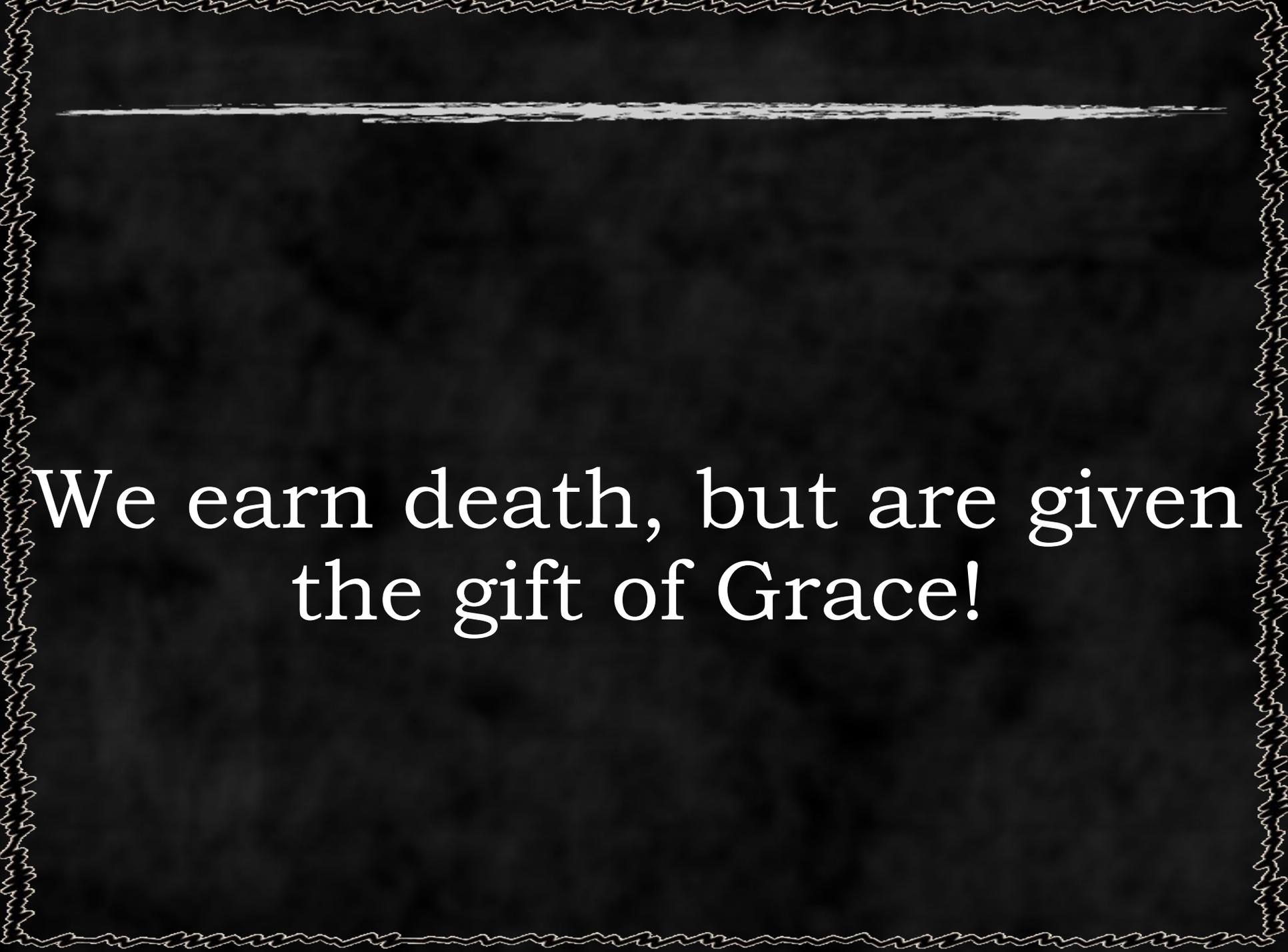
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We earn death, but are given
the gift of Grace!

Ephesians 2: 10 (NIV)

*For we are God's **handiwork**, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

A little background on the next few verses. The Church in Corinth was a worldly Church with the belief that they could do whatever they wanted as long as it felt good or right.

Question?

Do we see this mindset in
Churches today?

Question?

Why can't I continue my
homosexual lifestyle or get
drunk or smoke pot or have
an abortion or...

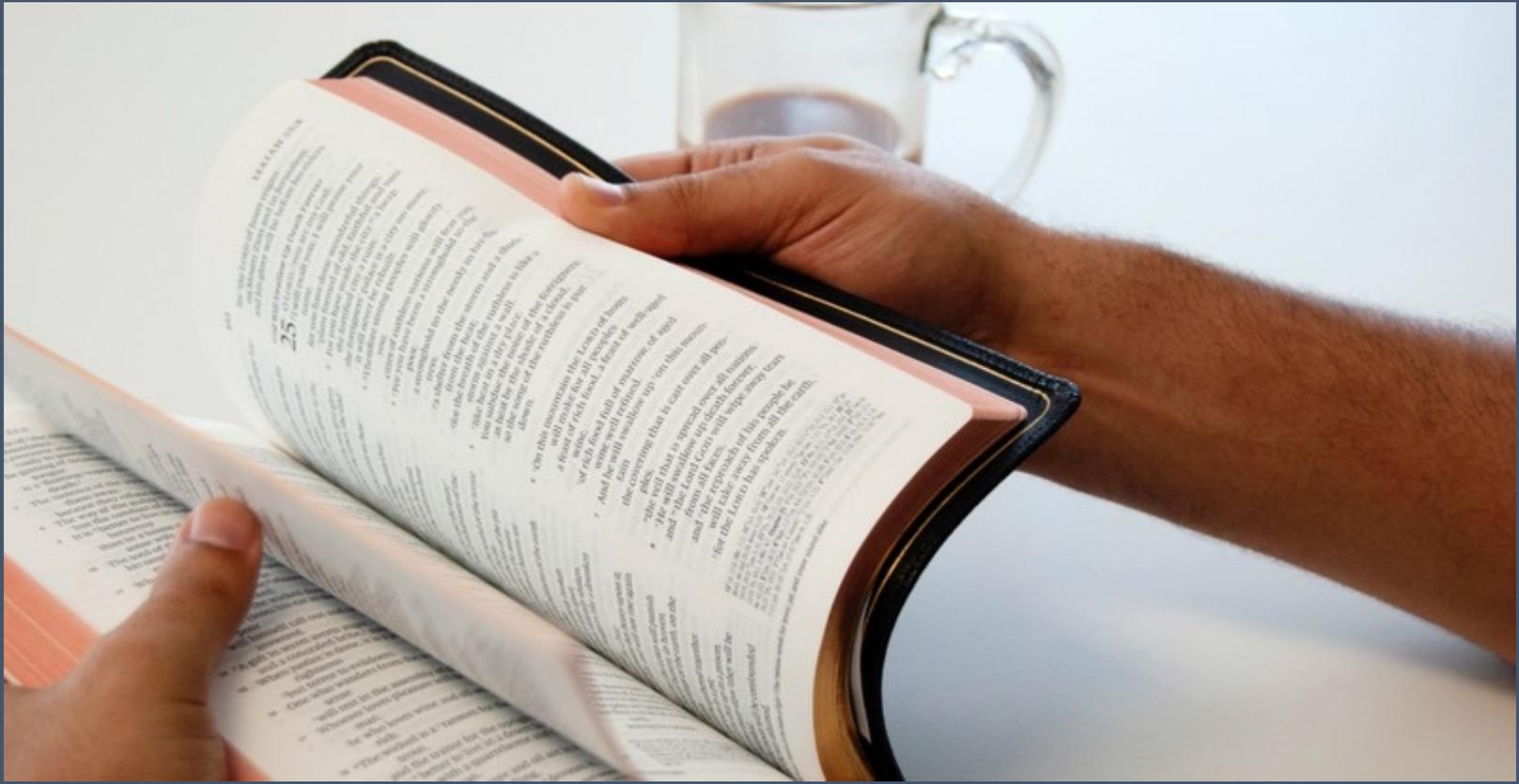
1 Corinthians 6: 12 (ESV)

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything.

Question?

What does Paul mean by saying *all things are lawful for me*?

Paul is saying that as a Christian I am free from the law that results in sin and death!



Please turn to:
Romans 8: 1-2

Romans 8: 1-2 (ESV)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Question?

So if we are free from the
the bondage of sin, then
how should we live?

1 Corinthians 6: 12 (ESV)

*“All things are lawful for me,” **but not all things are helpful.** “All things are lawful for me,” **but I will not be dominated by anything.***

Two Questions

1. Is what I am doing helpful to Christ and the Church?
2. Is what I am doing causing myself or anyone else to be controlled by it?

1 Corinthians 6: 13 (ESV)

*“**Food** is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for **sexual immorality**, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.*

Question?

What does food, drink and
sexual immorality have in
common?

Question?

How do we control our
sinful desires?

1 Corinthians 6: 14 (ESV)

*And God raised the Lord
and will also raise us up **by**
his power.*