

Christians are called to _____ grievances against fellow believers in front of the unbelieving world.

1. Due to our _____ as believers

When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints? 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? Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life! So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the church? vv. 1-4

2. For the sake of our _____

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, but brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers? To have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you. Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be defrauded? vv. 5-7

HOW DO WE SURRENDER OUR GRIEVANCES?

_____ **whether the offender is a professing believer or not.**

For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? God judges those outside. 1 Corinthians 5:12-13a

_____ **out biblical grievances from personal preferences.**

Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense. Proverbs 19:11

Set your _____ for repentance and reconciliation, not victory or vengeance.

... you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord. 1 Corinthians 5:5

Align your _____ to Christ's humble grace.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Philippians 2:3-4

When we struggle to surrender our grievances, we should _____ on what has been surrendered by our Savior.

But you yourselves wrong and defraud—even your own brothers! Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 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. vv. 8-11

Praise God that we did not receive what was _____ ourselves!

UNDIVIDED

DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

1. Read 1 Corinthians 6:1-11. Why is it scandalous that Christians are taking each other to court in front of unbelievers?

2. If a Christian feels they have been cheated by another Christian, what do you think they should do? What should they do if the one they accuse is unwilling to submit to the judgment of a particular body of believers?

3. Does it surprise you that Paul says we will judge the world and angels (vv. 2-3)? How does knowing that affect your daily life? How does it affect the way you approach conflict?

4. What does Paul say to the Corinthian believer who was wronged by another believer? What does Paul say to the believer who had wronged someone else in the church (vv. 7-11)?

5. What insights from this sermon were particularly helpful for you?

6. How can you let go of an offense and not nurse a grievance against another believer who has hurt you?

“Is there some situation in which you are insisting on pursuing justice when you should just overlook the matter? ‘Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense’ (Prov 19:11). The short answer is that it is a matter of wisdom or discernment. Each time you are offended, you need to wisely decide whether or not you need to bring it up. Only you can make the decision, but several diagnostic questions can help you work through it. Before confronting, ask:

1. Have I examined myself yet?
2. How sure am I that I am right?
3. How important is this?
4. Does this person show a pattern of this behavior?
5. What do wise people counsel me to do?
6. What else is going on in the other person’s world?

‘Dropping it’ does not mean talking to everyone else about it. If you decide to drop the matter, then do not say another word about it. And if someone comes to you complaining about how he or she has been treated, encourage him or her to go directly to the other person. Avoid a person who talks too much (Prov 20:19). If the person responds that it is not that big of a deal, then remind him or her either to approach the other person or let go of it. Where there is no gossip, a quarrel will soon fizzle (Prov 26:20). If a person comes to confide in you and insists that the other party will not listen, offer to go with him or her on the second visit (Matt 18:15-17).”

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Unpacking Forgiveness: Biblical Answers for Complex Questions and Deep Wounds

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here’s a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you’d like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. That’s a great spot to see what’s coming up!

SAVE THE DATE FOR BACK TO SCHOOL ADVENTURE. The CCBC Pops Orchestra is bringing a brand-new show to Christ Chapel just in time for the new school year! Made for kids and families, the Back to School Adventure will be full of music and cartoons that are sure to put a pep in your step as your family gets back into the freshly sharpened pencils, new backpack and fall routine state of mind. Happening Saturday, Aug. 14 at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary, it’s also a great event to bring friends and neighbors to, so spread the word and go to www.ccbcfamily.org/events to learn more.

READY FOR A SEASON OF GROWTH? APPLY FOR THRIVE. This fall Thrive is back in person and ready to give you a place to be real, challenged and changed. Whether you are struggling through anxiety, fear, feeling stuck, spiritual discontentment or something else, there’s a place for you at Thrive. The discipleship experience helps you get to the roots of sin and suffering in your life and embrace the freedom and redemption Jesus offers. Learn more about the experience and apply by Sunday, Aug. 15 at www.ccbcfamily.org/thrive.

INVEST IN YOUR MARRIAGE AT RE|ENGAGE THIS FALL. Together you’ve faced no shortage of challenges this past year. If you’re struggling to get along, worried you’re breaking apart or just ready to spend extra time investing in your relationship, we have a place for the two of you at re|engage. Through teaching, a small group community and stories of grace, you’ll have the opportunity to work on your relationship together. re|engage starts Sunday, Aug. 22. Learn more about the experience and register today at www.ccbcfamily.org/reengage.

MAKE AN IMPACT WITH CHILDREN’S MINISTRY! When you serve with our Children’s team, you not only expand your community at CCBC, but you make an impact in one of the biggest mission fields we have — our kids! Our Children’s Ministry team is still looking for people to join them and you can play a part in kiddos learning about the God who wants to be their forever friend. Stop by the Children’s Welcome Area today or email children@christchapelbc.org to get started.

PRAY FOR THE CHRIST CHAPEL FAMILY ON MONDAYS. Mondays with the Master is a group of Christ Chapelites that gets together to pray for the needs of our church, local community and world. Join them any Monday at 12:30 p.m. in the Oak Room. Email Joann at JoannP@christchapelbc.org with questions.

LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

IF YOU’D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—just text “CCBCFW” to 833-422-7200 to get started.



EXERCISE FOR THIS WEEK

Study the following verses during a quiet time alone. Which does the Holy Spirit seem to point out to you? How can you put it into action this week?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 19:11 | <input type="checkbox"/> Ephesians 4:31-32 | <input type="checkbox"/> James 1:19-20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Peter 2:19 | <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 12:16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 20:3 |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Peter 4:8 |