

*Remember Who You Are!*  
*I Corinthians 6:1-11*

*“On that great day of final judgment, far beyond the time when the church will be caught up by the Lord Jesus to be with Him, beyond even the millennial reign of Christ, the church, ransomed and glorified, is going to participate in the overthrow of everything that is ungodly and unrighteous. We are going to be counted worthy of judging the world, and not only the world, but angels!...*

*What a day! The world against which we have fought to maintain our stand for Christ, the world that has called us narrow, bigoted, out-of-date, escapists from reality, the world with its ungodliness, its immorality, its sin, its utter rejection of the authority of God—one day the children of God are going to sit in judgment upon the world! And the devil, who has flung temptation at us from every direction, who has done everything in his power to discourage, to deter, to frighten, and to make us doubt, who has flung one fiery dart after another to hinder our progress to glory, to cause us to fail and to sin—one day we are to share in the judgment of Satan!” Redpath*

- I. The church is meant to be a place where believers can feel safe from being treated like the godless treat their own. It must be a place where the ministry of the Spirit takes precedence in how we treat one another. A sure way to make the church an unsafe place to be spiritually, emotionally and physically, is to lose sight of who we are in Christ.

1 Cor. 3:3

1 Cor. 6:1

Matt. 18:15-20

**John 13:35** *By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*

- II. A sure way to keep ourselves true to one another for the sake of the gospel, is to keep ourselves from being shortsighted and occupied by our own strife and trouble. Jesus wants us to look beyond the present, with the understanding that we will rule with him in the world to come. That fact alone, should compel us to keep ourselves from getting caught up in trivial matters that do not build upon the foundation of Christ with things of eternal value.

1 Cor. 6:2-8

Jude 14b-15

Jude 6

2 Peter 2:4-9

Matt 5:38-42

*“Two great urgencies for Paul are the church’s self-understanding as God’s eschatological people and its witness before the world. The difficulties with our ‘hearing’ this text are related primarily to our general lack of biblical self-understanding, especially in terms of the essential eschatological framework of our existence as the people of the future who are conditioned by that future as we live in the present. Therefore, our priorities tend to be warped toward the values of this age rather than the one to come.”*  
Gordon Fee

*“Eschatology is the study of what the Bible says is going to happen in the end times. Many treat Eschatology as an area of theology to be avoided. Of course, Eschatology is not as crucial as Christology or Soteriology. That does not mean, though, that it is unimportant to a Biblical worldview. How we understand Eschatology has an impact on how we should live our lives and what we are to expect to occur in God’s plan.”*  
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- III. A sure way to keep ourselves from drifting back into the ways of the world is to remember where we came from, what we’ve been forgiven of, and what we’ve been given in Christ. Our status has changed, we are washed, sanctified, justified children of God who have been given his kingdom as a precious inheritance. Why in the world would any of us want anything to do with the ways of Satan’s wicked, pathetic, loser kingdom and its insidious ways. Let us make sure that we don’t forget who we are as his blood bought children.

1 Cor. 6:9-11

Ps. 103:12

Isa. 53:25

Micah 7:19

Isa. 38:17

Titus 3:5

Heb. 10:10

Rom. 3:24