## Sin Destroys Relationships among the Brethren and their Spiritual Health

I Corinthians 6

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  - 1 Corinthians 6:1 2

Matthew 5:22 – 25

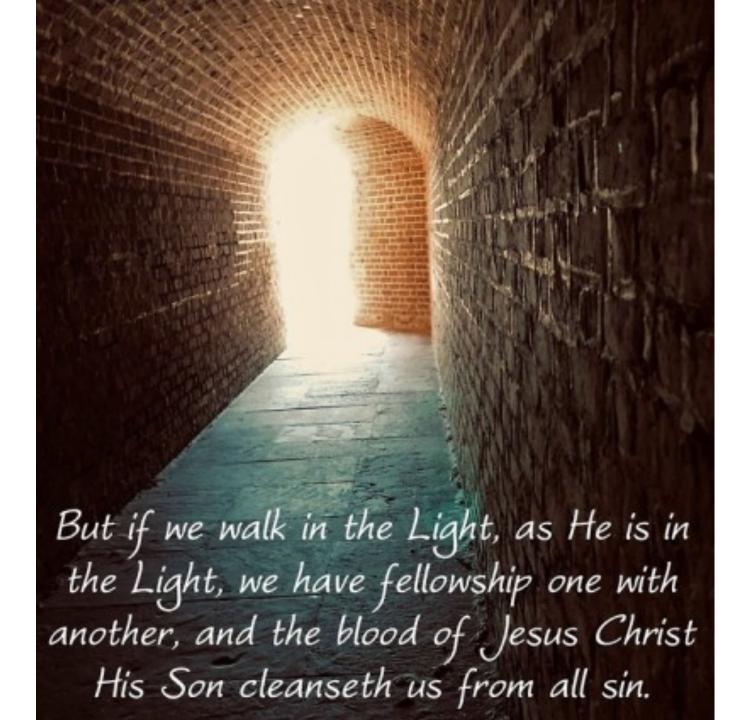
22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. 23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. 25 Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and judge to the guard, and you be put in prison.

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  - l Corinthians 6:7

13 Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother. 14 I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. 15 For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died. 16 So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil. 17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. 18 Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. 19 So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. 20 Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats. 21 It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble.

## Romans 14:13 – 21

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  - 1 Corinthians 6:9 11
  - 1 Corinthians 6:19 20



WHAT SHALL WE SAY THEN? SHALL **WE CONTINUE IN** SIN THAT GRACE MAY ABOUND? **CERTAINLY NOT! HOW SHALL WE** WHO DIED TO SIN LIVE ANY LONGER IN **ROMANS 6:1-2 NKJV** 

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  - l Corinthians 6:18
  - **■** Ephesians 5:3 5
  - James 1:27

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

Hebrews 12:1



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Do you have sin in your life that needs to be washed away?