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Jesus said, I will build My Church. And knowing that, Paul gives us many interesting details as to what that lively edifice looks like: Paul speaks to those in Corinth not in hocus pocus spiritual sounding speech, but in meaty familiar context of straight talk. 1 Corinthians 3 when he said:

brothers, I could not speak to you as spiritual, but as carnal **sarkikos** from **sarx**, meaning: **flesh**, the thin veneer on the surface. In Acts we read: the Lord will pour out His Spirit upon all sarx which sounds like a good thing, doesn't it? Paul, a good teacher, who was taught by the Best is not using a condemnatory tone in this 1st letter, much like we hear from self-righteous peddlers. To Romans, Paul wrote: to be carnally minded is death... We should understand that verse: to be only carnally minded is deadly, since God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.



¹ If any of you has a legal dispute against another, how dare you go take it to court before the unjust, and not before the saints?

² Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the trivial cases?

³ Do you not know that we will judge angels? – not to mention those matters related to life?

⁴ So then, if you have such matters, do you appoint as your judges those who have no respect in the church?

⁵ I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is not one wise person among you? Not even one who is able to arbitrate between brothers?

⁶ Instead brother goes to court against brother, and that before unbelievers.

⁷ So now to have legal disputes against one another is already a defeat for you.

Why not rather be wronged? why not rather be defrauded? / when Jesus walked among us, there was not a day He did not have to put up with some nonsense. It's amazing that He didn't just leave one day, saying, You all can go to hell; I'm out of here!

⁸ No, you do wrong, and defraud, and that is to your own brothers.

⁹ Do you not know that the wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: no sexual deviants, no idolaters, no sodomites, no passive effeminate males, no adulterers,

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¹⁰ **no thieves, no greedy, no drunkards, no riotous party goers, no extortionists,**

will inherit the kingdom of God / none of them are needed in God's eternity.

¹¹ **And such were some of you: but you are cleaned up, you are set apart, you are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God;** / judicially declared right; not because we were, but because Jesus who gave His life for us; His eternity will not be populated with trash.



¹² **All things are lawful to me, but all things are not necessary: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any** / Paul was not writing new rules for Mount Sinai in Arabia, he knew things were permissible, but he had sense to step back from that freedom.

¹³ **Food is for the belly, and the belly for food: but God will do away with both of them. The body was not created for immoral sexual, but for the Lord; and the Lord is for the body.**

¹⁴ **God raised up the Lord, and will also raise us up by His power.**

¹⁵ **Do you not know that your bodies are part of the body of Christ? Should I then take a part of the body of Christ, and make it part of a prostitute? Absolutely not.**

¹⁶ **Do you not know that anyone who is joined to a prostitute is one body with her? for the two, He said, will become one flesh.**

¹⁷ **But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.**

¹⁸ **Flee immoral sex. Every other sin that one does is outside the body; but the one who is sexually immoral, sins against his own body. / theft, cheating on a test, hatred is done outside the body,**

¹⁹ **What? Do you not know that your body is the naos / the sacred place of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own...**

²⁰ **for you are bought with a price: So glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which belongs to God.**

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