

# New Hebron Missionary

## Baptist Church

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## Bible Study

*“...from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation...”*

*(2 Tim. 3:15)*



### Unifying Leadership

{1 Corinthians 6:1,5-7}

Jesus prayed in John chapter 17 for Christians would be united just as He and the Father are united {Jn. 17:22}. It should be apparent to everyone that peace among believers is one of the most beautiful things that can ever be achieved because when love and fellowship abound it strengthens the church as a whole. But unfortunately we see too many instances when fellowship is broken and the membership becomes fractured. I'm sure that Paul had this thought on his mind when he wrote to the Corinthian church about their internal problems. We should fight to maintain peace because a church that is divided is unable to do much for the Lord.

**1 Cor. 6:1)** *“Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?”*

- “Dare any of you” – Paul uses this phrase to speak to the shock that he has for this church. He can see that they are headed in the wrong direction.
- “go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?” – this phrase explains Paul’s shock at their actions. The Jews would never use the secular courts to handle internal differences. They would pray and search the scriptures to be their guide. Many Jews would even think that using the courts would be blasphemy before God because in effect you would be admitting that the Lord was unable to handle your problems.
- It is the wise leader that depends on scripture as a guide to bring opposing Christians together. {Ex. 18:13-16}

**1 Cor. 6:5-7)** *“I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren? (\*) But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers. (\*) Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded?”*

