

1 Corinthians 6 — clausal layout

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Each line is one clause or discrete phrase of the standard critical text, colored by syntactic type; indentation marks levels of subordination. The verse numbers sit in the left gutter; the small tag on each line names the clause type and its function.

independent participial relative cause content conditional phrase modifier dashed = verbless / suspended

Flush-left = a main (independent) clause. Each dependent line begins directly beneath the word it attaches to in the line above — the anchor word is dotted-underlined, and lights up when you hover its dependent clause; each tag also names the attachment. A dashed border marks verbless, elliptical, or suspended lines. Where a long sentence's staircase runs wider than the page, the diagram scrolls sideways. (In print, or without JavaScript, lines fall back to stepped indent columns.)

Lawsuits before the unrighteous — brother suing brother 6:1–8

VV. 1–6 — THE INDICTMENT: SAINTS BEFORE PAGAN COURTS

1 Τολμᾷ τις ὑμῶν independent — asyndeton — the fronted verb: the audacity itself is the charge
| πρᾶγμα ἔχων πρὸς τὸν ἕτερον participial — temporal/conditional — πρᾶγμα the legal 'case'

κρίνεσθαι ἐπὶ τῶν ἀδίκων, content — complementary infinitive — ἐπί + gen. forensic, 'in the court of'

καὶ οὐχὶ ἐπὶ τῶν ἀγίων; phrase modifier — the pointed alternative — the judges named by moral standing, not office

2 ἢ οὐκ οἶδατε independent — the first of the chapter's six 'do you not know' rebukes

ὅτι οἱ ἅγιοι τὸν κόσμον κρινοῦσιν; content — the eschatological premise (cf. Dan 7:22)

καὶ εἰ ἐν ὑμῖν κρίνεται ὁ κόσμος, conditional — protasis — leans on the question below; futuristic present

ἀνάξιοί ἐστε κριτηρίων ἐλαχίστων; independent — apodosis — fit to judge the world, unfit for trifles?

3 οὐκ οἶδατε independent — the refrain repeated

ὅτι ἀγγέλους κρινοῦμεν, content — ἀγγέλους fronted — the astonishing scope; Paul now includes himself

μήτι γε βιωτικά; independent — a fortiori — elliptical, supply 'shall we judge'

4 βιωτικά μὲν οὖν κριτήρια ἐὰν ἔχητε, conditional — protasis — leans on the question below

τούς ἐξουθενημένους ἐν τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ, τούτους καθίζετε; independent — apodosis — read as an incredulous question, not an imperative; τούτους resumptive

5 πρὸς ἐντροπὴν ὑμῖν λέγω. independent — the rhetorical aim named outright

οὕτως οὐκ ἔνι ἐν ὑμῖν οὐδεὶς σοφός independent — οὕτως of astonished disbelief; piled negatives cut at Corinthian 'wisdom'

ὃς δυνήσεται διακρίναι ἀνὰ μέσον τοῦ ἀδελφοῦ αὐτοῦ; relative — ἀνὰ μέσον a LXX idiom; the singular ἀδελφοῦ generic

6 ἀλλὰ ἀδελφὸς μετὰ ἀδελφοῦ κρίνεται, independent — the deplorable fact set against the ideal

καὶ τοῦτο ἐπὶ ἀπίστων; phrase modifier — καὶ τοῦτο 'and that too' — the climactic aggravation

VV. 7–8 — THE VERDICT: ALREADY A TOTAL DEFEAT

7 ἤδη μὲν οὖν ὅλως ἥττημα ὑμῖν ἐστίν independent — the deeper verdict — loss before any verdict is reached

ὅτι κρίματα ἔχετε μεθ' ἑαυτῶν. content — epexegetic ὅτι — what the defeat consists in

διὰ τί οὐχὶ μᾶλλον ἀδικεῖσθε; independent — the gospel alternative — tolerative passive (cf. Matt 5:39–40)

διὰ τί οὐχὶ μᾶλλον ἀποστερεῖσθε; independent — the question doubled — the financial side of the wrong

- 8 ἀλλὰ ὑμεῖς ἀδικεῖτε καὶ ἀποστερεῖτε, independent — the mirror of v. 7 — perpetrators, not patient sufferers
καὶ τοῦτο ἀδελφούς. phrase modifier — the aggravating addendum again — the victims are family

The unrighteous will not inherit — but such were some of you 6:9–11

VV. 9–10 — THE WARNING: THE VICE CATALOGUE

- 9 ἢ οὐκ οἶδατε independent — the refrain widens the case — ἀδικοὶ picks up ἀδικεῖτε (v. 8)
ὅτι ἄδικοι θεοῦ βασιλείαν οὐ κληρονομήσουσιν; content — the kingdom an inheritance, not a wage
μὴ πλανᾶσθε independent — the fixed warning formula — 'stop being misled'
οὔτε πόρνοι οὔτε εἰδωλόλατραι οὔτε μοιχοὶ phrase modifier — the catalogue opens — πόρνοι frames the whole of vv. 12–20
οὔτε μαλακοὶ οὔτε ἀρσενικοῖται phrase modifier — ἀρσενικοῖτης coined from Lev 18:22; 20:13 LXX
10 οὔτε κλέπται οὔτε πλεονέκται, οὐ μέθυσοι, οὐ λοῖδοροι, οὐχ ἄρπαγες phrase modifier — οὔτε shifts to οὐ; ἄρπαγες last, recalling ἀποστερεῖτε (v. 8)
βασιλείαν θεοῦ κληρονομήσουσιν. phrase modifier — the verb returns from v. 9 to seal the catalogue from beneath

V. 11 — THE REVERSAL: WASHED, SANCTIFIED, JUSTIFIED

- 11 καὶ ταῦτά τινες ἦτε independent — the contemptuous neuter ταῦτα; imperfect of the decisively ended past
ἀλλὰ ἀπελούσασθε, independent — the first ἀλλά — conversion-baptismal cleansing
ἀλλὰ ἡγιάσθητε, independent — the second — constituted the very ἅγιοι of vv. 1–2
ἀλλὰ ἐδικαιώθητε independent — the third — the ἀδικοὶ declared δίκαιοι
ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ phrase modifier — read with all three verbs, not the last only
καὶ ἐν τῷ πνεύματι τοῦ θεοῦ ἡμῶν. phrase modifier — the Spirit the agent — the saving work of Lord and Spirit together

The body for the Lord — flee immorality, glorify God 6:12–20

VV. 12–14 — THE SLOGANS CHECKED: THE BODY IS FOR THE LORD

- 12 Πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, independent — Corinthian slogan, quoted — the claim of unrestricted liberty
ἀλλ' οὐ πάντα συμφέρει· independent — Paul's first check — the criterion of benefit
πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, independent — the slogan repeated, to be checked again
ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐγὼ ἐξουσιασθήσομαι ὑπό τινος. independent — second check — the ἐξεστιν/ἐξουσιασθήσομαι wordplay: liberty must not enslave
- 13 τὰ βρώματα τῇ κοιλίᾳ, independent — second slogan, quoted — verbless; appetite as mere nature
καὶ ἡ κοιλία τοῖς βρώμασιν· independent — the slogan's converse limb
ὁ δὲ θεὸς καὶ ταύτην καὶ ταῦτα καταργήσει. independent — Paul's counter — stomach and foods belong to the passing age
τὸ δὲ σῶμα οὐ τῇ πορνείᾳ ἀλλὰ τῷ κυρίῳ, independent — Paul's own thesis, not slogan — datives of purpose; the body no disposable husk
καὶ ὁ κύριος τῷ σώματι· independent — the reciprocity — the Lord's own commitment to the body
- 14 ὁ δὲ θεὸς καὶ τὸν κύριον ἡγείρεν independent — the resurrection ground — the Lord's body the pattern
καὶ ἡμᾶς ἐξεγερεῖ διὰ τῆς δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ. independent — the same power, the same destiny — the body's future secured

VV. 15–17 — MEMBERS OF CHRIST, NOT OF A PROSTITUTE

- 15 οὐκ οἴδατε independent — the refrain turns to union with Christ
ὅτι τὰ σώματα ὑμῶν μέλη Χριστοῦ ἔστιν; content — each believer's body a limb of Christ's own (cf. ch. 12)
ἄρας οὖν τὰ μέλη τοῦ Χριστοῦ ποιήσω πόρνης μέλη; independent — deliberative subjunctive — the unthinkable posed; ἄρας kept with its verb
μὴ γένοιτο. independent — the recoil — Paul's strongest repudiation
- 16 ἢ οὐκ οἴδατε independent — the refrain again
ὅτι ὁ κολλώμενος τῇ πόρνῃ ἐν σῶμά ἐστιν; content — κολλάω — the very verb of Gen 2:24 LXX

Ἦσονται γάρ, φησίν, οἱ δύο εἰς σάρκα μίαν.

claim

content — Gen 2:24 — quotation carried by the parenthetical φησίν; γάρ grounds the 'one body'

17 ὁ δὲ κολλώμενος τῷ κυρίῳ ἐν πνευμᾷ ἐστίν.

independent — the counter-union — the same verb, the deeper bond

VV. 18–20 — FLEE: TEMPLE, PRICE, GLORY

18 φεύγετε τὴν πορνείαν.

independent — the section's first imperative — present tense, constant flight

πᾶν ἁμάρτημα ὃ ἐὰν ποιήσῃ ἄνθρωπος ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματός ἐστιν,

independent — read as Paul's own maxim, not a further Corinthian slogan

ὁ δὲ πορνεύων εἰς τὸ ἴδιον σῶμα ἁμαρτάνει.

independent — the one exception — εἰς 'against' the very body united to Christ

19 ἢ οὐκ οἴδατε

independent — the last and climactic 'do you not know'

ὅτι τὸ σῶμα ὑμῶν ναὸς τοῦ ἐν ὑμῖν ἁγίου πνεύματος ἐστίν,

community

content — ναὸς the inner sanctuary — of the individual body what 3:16 says of the

οὗ ἔχετε ἀπὸ θεοῦ,

relative — the Spirit God's gift — divine ownership underscored

καὶ οὐκ ἐστὲ ἑαυτῶν;

content — coordinate within the ὅτι — predicate genitive of possession

20 ἡγοράσθητε γὰρ τιμῆς·

cause — γὰρ — genitive of price; redemption purchase (cf. 7:23)

δοξάσατε δὴ τὸν θεὸν ἐν τῷ σώματι ὑμῶν.

independent — the closing command — urgent δὴ; the body the arena of God's glory

Analysis. First Corinthians 6 reads as three panels of diatribe, and the flush-left purple carries almost the whole argument. In vv. 1–8 the main lines are nearly all questions — the fronted Τοῦ μὲν like a slap, two of the chapter's six οὐκ-οἴδατε rebukes, the ironic 'do you seat the despised as judges?', the shaming 'not one wise man?', and the doubled διὰ τί οὐχὶ μᾶλλον — with the two conditional protases (vv. 2, 4) the only forward-leaning lines, and the ugly ἀλλά-reality (vv. 6, 8) set flush against the ideal. In vv. 9–11 the single prohibition μὴ πλανᾷσθε carries the vice catalogue as a suspended verbless column, the resuming verb βασιλείαν θεοῦ κληρονομήσουσιν sealing the column from beneath, before the triple flush-left ἀλλά (washed, sanctified, justified) reverses the indictment. In vv. 12–20 the layout must decide line by line which words are Corinth's and which are Paul's, and it does: Πάντα

μοι ἔξεστιν (twice, v. 12) and τὰ βρώματα τῇ κοιλίᾳ with its converse (v. 13a–b) are taken as quoted Corinthian slogans — set flush-left as independent lines and tagged as slogans, with Paul's ἀλλ' /δέ counters flush-left immediately beneath in question-and-answer diatribe style (the Romans 3 pattern), rather than indenting either member under the other — while τὸ δὲ σῶμα οὐ τῇ πορνείᾳ ἀλλὰ τῷ κυρίῳ is read as Paul's own thesis, and the maxim of v. 18b (πᾶν ἁμάρτημα ... ἔκτὸς τοῦ σώματός ἐστιν) is read as Paul's own generalization rather than a further slogan, standing unquoted with ὁ δὲ πορνεύων as its one exception, not its refutation. The Gen 2:24 citation hangs as a single content line beneath the 'one body' claim it warrants, its φησὶν parenthetical within the quoted line itself; ὁ δὲ κολλώμενος τῷ κυρίῳ answers it at the margin; and the chapter closes with the climactic οὐκ οἴδατε — temple, Spirit had from God, 'you are not your own' — grounded one step deeper in ἡγοράσθητε γὰρ τιμῆς and resolved in the single final imperative δοξάσατε δὴ τὸν θεόν.

The clause segmentation, the type assigned to each line, and the indentation are interpretive — one defensible reading of the syntax, chosen to match the analysis in the chapter's interlinear (word-level syntax tier and discourse notes); other analyses divide or attach some lines differently. The Greek text is identical to the chapter data behind the interlinear and follows the standard critical text.