

## CHRISTIANS AND THE LAW

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The New Testament teaches that Christians do not take fellow Christians to law. 1 Corinthians 6. 6 ff says this. Why should we go to secular procedures when Christians should work together and, as necessary, be forgiving? How out of place it is for Christians to go to law against another Christian even if they are in different churches. The Corinthians were a wayward assembly and involved in all sorts of dubious practices including pagan feasts and it would be another error and indeed a shame for any Corinthian to take a fellow believer to law or, for that matter, any Christian today to do likewise.

The Corinthians were proud and interested in self-aggrandisement. They wanted spiritual gifts to show that they were superior. They majored in speaking in tongues and ignored Paul saying that tongues would cease when that which is perfect is come which speaks of the completion of Holy Scriptures.

Elim, Pentecostals and charismatics are revived Corinthianism.

Of course, if a serious crime has been committed then the Police must be involved.

There should be cooperation between the churches if the dispute is between members of different churches.

I had to change my phone number and when this was done I kept getting calls from the previous subscribers whom I easily traced as they were a couple who went to the local Elim Pentecostal Church. I spoke to them and they asked me to be kind enough to inform them of any calls, which I did for several weeks.

One such call was from what could have been a debt collection agency. Another was from an insurance company. I referred these to the previous subscribers with no details, only the relevant phone numbers. The lady was cross.

She told her pastor about this and he recommended that she call the police to call on me as I was causing harassment. I spoke to the pastor in accordance with precise Elim protocol. He showed no Christ-likeness.

The Police came and told me that I was guilty of harassment and the problem was down to BT. It was not. This woman has a website which still shows her old telephone number which is now mine. She has to change it, not BT.

Now I had done nothing wrong and for this woman and her pastor to take such action was high handed and totally against Scripture.

Another Elim Pentecostal pastor who does not know his Scriptures.

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