

# Lawsuits between Believers

We believe the Bible forbids Christians from bringing civil lawsuits against other Christians within the church. However, there are criminal lawsuits that come about to which the Christian has no control and therefore has to submit to the jurisdiction of the court's judicial system (**Rom. 13:2-6**). Yet, when it comes to civil matters we believe the Word of God is clear that we are to resolve our personal disputes. We believe the church possesses all the resources necessary to resolve personal disputes among its members. We do believe that it is also acceptable for a Christian to seek compensation for injuries from another Christian's insurance company as long as the claim is pursued without malice, slander or personal profit (**1 Cor. 6:1-8; Eph. 4:31-32**).