

**Read Text: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11: Where are we? How did we get here?**

From (C1): There are contentions among you; you are a church divided into factions; you place a higher value on the eloquence of preacher rather than on the Biblical content of what he is preaching. 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul: I am not an eloquent speaker, but I am God's witness and an apostle of Jesus Christ, SENT to you to testify of the truth of the gospel. But people MAJOR in appearances don't they!

Paul taught them that the gospel of Christ, which we teach IS NOT discoverable or learnable to the human mind or comprehended by worldly wisdom; and it is NOT communicated by eloquence of speech, but it must be revealed by the Spirit of God!

The things of God knoweth (comprehends) no man, but (by) the Spirit of God. 1 Corinthians 2:14.

By the time we get to (C3): Paul rebuked the Corinthian believers, telling them: I could not speak to you as unto spiritual Christians, and that is because they weren't spiritual; they were carnal. How did he know this? There was envying, strife, and divisions in the church.

Much of the strife/wrangling in the church was because they were exalting their preferred speaker over other preachers of the gospel; so, in (C3-4), Paul taught them how they should rightly think of gospel preachers.

Gospel ministers are nothing more than under rowers and stewards of the mysteries of God. Planters in God's field, laborers, servants, builders of the church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

By the time we get to (C5), Paul was dealing with fornication in the church; sexual sin (in all probability) in one of the prominent members of the church; I say that because this man's sin was so well known; (it was common knowledge among them). What made this worse is that the church was tolerating this man to continue in their fellowship while he continued in his sin; without being reproved or corrected. 1 Corinthians 5:7-8 And then, last week, Christians disputing against Christian brethren before unbelieving lawyers and judges in the courts; what a shame saith Paul!

1 Corinthians 6:7-11

Christianity (the church) in the time of this letter was, (I think) very similar to how it is today. (Worldly). The culture in the city of Corinth was very ungodly; worldly; unrighteous behavior had become the norm in the church! The sinful culture of the City of Corinth had infected the Church at Corinth.

Many had believed gospel truth, but they were still worldly in their thinking, unrighteous in their behavior.

In our text: Paul taught them; THE UNRIGHTEOUS have no part in the Kingdom of God! (Heaven). They are not heirs of God; they possess no inheritance with God; they are NOT children of

God! (6:9): Don't you know this? 1 Peter 1:3-5, Revelation 21:27, 2 Peter 3:10-14

**I also believe (6:9) to be connected to what we learned last week:**

They were defrauding (or cheating each other) and wronging each other by taking one another to court to settle their disputes, rather than working these things out among themselves with the Word, and by longsuffering, humility, and meekness.

Colossians 3:13: Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also DO YE

But many among them (not all) were behaving like the unrighteous and unjust, and NOT righteous and just persons. We will see in a minute, Paul told them; this is NOT who you are in Christ!

**What does it mean to be unrighteous? #94: Adikos. (A) - Without; (Dikos) - Justice. (Not just or Not right or righteous)**

Paul identified the UNRIGHTEOUS (here) as those who consistently behave and act unjustly and sinfully in their dealings with their fellow humans.

The CAUSE of their unrighteousness was their ungodliness. They were unrighteous BECAUSE they were ungodly, and because they disregarded God & His Word as it pertained to them personally, they became unrighteous and unjust in their dealings with their neighbor.

Jeremiah 22:13, 1 John 5:17, Romans 1:18, Romans 6:12-13, Isaiah 55:7, 1 John 5:17

Paul taught the Corinthians, and he is teaching us, that the UNRIGHTEOUS shall NOT inherit the Kingdom of God. Many THERE ARE TODAY who call themselves Christians, but whose lives DO NOT MATCH their profession, whose lives are filled with unrighteousness. Matthew 7:21-23

When Paul says, the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God, what he is ALSO saying is, they are NOT children of God; for only children of God are partakers of a heavenly inheritance!

Galatians 5:19-26, Ephesians 5:1-7, Matthew 25:34-46

Christians are DOERS of RIGHTEOUSNESS; THEY ARE NOT DOERS of UNRIGHTEOUSNESS. 1 John 2:29

As so, the Apostle Paul taught them in (6:9): be not deceived into thinking that you can live unrighteously in the world and go to heaven when you die.

**It's not gonna happen! Neither do any who practice (or live in) these sins have any inheritance in the Kingdom of God:**

Fornicators: Paul dealt with one in (C5); he once again warns Christians against the sin of fornication (6:13-20)

(6:9-10): None who practice/partake/live in these sins shall inherit the Kingdom of God

These were the sins of Corinth, and these are the sins that are in the world today. Romans 1:24-32

**(6:11): AND SUCH WERE SOME OF YOU: Ephesians 2:2, Titus 3:3**

**But ye ARE WASHED:** That is, you are washed from your sins and your unrighteousness! Washed in the blood of Jesus Christ, which is the only way to be clean in the sight of God.

Revelation 1:4-5, 1 John 1:7, Colossians 1:13-14

How does the blood of Jesus Christ MAKE you CLEAN? His blood represents His life which was perfect and without sin; in His sacrificial death, His life/blood was the payment for sinners. 2 Corinthians 5:21

**But YE ARE SANCTIFIED:** You were saved and set apart for God by the Holy Spirit; you were made holy inwardly so that you are NOW able to live a holy life outwardly. In Christ, you possess a new nature! Sin no longer has dominion over you. 2 Corinthians 7:1, 2 Timothy 2:19-22

**But YE ARE JUSTIFIED:** To be declared to be righteous/innocent by God because of faith in Jesus Christ. But not by your own merit or works, but by the merit and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 3:23-26, 5:8-10.

Don't miss THIS, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are all mentioned here, as intimately and actively involved and engaged in the salvation and sanctification of sinners!

**In closing:**

The Apostle Paul is NOT teaching (Christians) that we MUST live perfect lives; one without sin; but he is teaching us that our lives in Christ OUGHT to be VERY DIFFERENT than when we were lost sinners and dead in our trespasses and sins. 2 Corinthians 5:17

If you're in Christ, you have a NEW HEART and a NEW NATURE; you no longer love your sins, but you hate your sins and love Christ who has forgiven you for all of your sins.

Psalms 119:9-11, 33-37