

Actions Speak Louder than Words (part 2) 1 Corinthians 6: 9-11

- How would you define what a Christian is? God-likeness (Rom 8: 29)
- God's declared purpose for every one of his children is to reflect His character
- Tragic: when Christians reflect the world more than the God who bought them
- Paul is zeroing in on the serious nature of engaging in deliberate sin

I. Paul Stresses the Godly Character of a Christian (vv.9-10)

V9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?

- Paul is not giving them a list of sins to show them that they were in fact lost
 - He is giving clear characteristics of one who is not walking in darkness not light
 - When your life is consistently characterized by sinful rebellion, you're lost.
 - A Christian obeys God from the heart, he/she is a new creation (2 Cor 5:17)
 - Christian is new creature restored in image of God through Christ (2 Pet 1:4)
 - Vs 9-10 gives us a catalogue of sins which characteristically mark the unsaved
- 1) **Fornication:** sexual immorality – in particular by an unmarried person
 - 2) **Idolaters:** any worship of a god other than the living God - ourselves
 - 3) **Adulterers:** unfaithfulness to one's spouse
 - 4) **Homosexuality-sodomites, effeminate:** all such sin is an abomination
 - 5) **Thieves, nor covetous:** manifestation of selfishness – it is never satisfied
 - 6) **Drunkards, revilers, extortioners:** abusers of substance, dishonest gain

II. But God...vs. 11

- Paul is simply confronting the Corinthians with law to show & convict of sin
- Paul confronts them with the law but brings them back to the Gospel
- “But such were some of you” he uses this word three times – strong word

“But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified”

- 1) **Washed:** new life, regeneration.
- 2) **Sanctified:** made holy inwardly, the Holy Spirit's power to live righteously
- 3) **Justified:** Our new standing before God, God declared us righteous in Christ