

Sermon Notes

You Were Washed, Sanctified, Justified
1 Corinthians 6:9-11 June 14, 2015

Introduction: *Is it possible?*

How does the Lord view us? What does the Lord say about us? What about the filth of sin, my sin(s)? If the Lord has accepted me/us, how can I know this? What's present in my life to show this? Is it possible that the Lord actually rejoices over us? With singing?

The wonder and mystery of marriage has something to teach us in all of this.
(Isaiah 61:10; Zephaniah 3:17; Revelation 19:6-9)

A Contrast in "*were*"

What they *were*, they are no longer. Some of the Corinthian Christians had been marked by certain sins; these *were* identifying sins...these *were* sins they *were* "committed to."

Ten sins had been listed as "ten words" in order to emphasize that these functioned in a law-like manner. These sins had "authority over them." Such a way of living was not kingdom living: *shall not inherit the kingdom of God*.

However, the passage contains the word "were" again and repeatedly. That's what they were, but now: you *were* washed; you *were* sanctified, you *were* justified.

Some observations:

- ◆ Not accomplished by you; rather, done to you.
- ◆ While there are distinctions, here they should be taken as a package. *All of this; each of these!*
- ◆ As such, there is a calling to act like it...
- ◆ "Don't be deceived"
- ◆ "Do you not know?"
- ◆ For those sins just mentioned, and for yours/ours.
- ◆ There are weak views of our Lord's washing...
 - ◇ Not at all; not possible
 - ◇ Not really welcome
 - ◇ I'm only able to sin like this

This is addressed with the final words of v. 11. The whole package is to be taken together. The whole package of washing, sanctifying and justifying, and this is said to occur *in the name* of the Lord Jesus and *by* the Spirit of our God.

This is the Lord's way of addressing our doubts and fears about our sins and His grace and mercy.

The words, "in the name of the Lord Jesus" is our Lord's way of declaring our welcome; that we bear the name of the house and more...we bear the Name of the Lord and Master of the house.

The words, "by the Spirit of our God" is our Lord's way of declaring that we are enabled to live lives to His pleasure. We live on the Master's property and we are strengthened by all of the Master's provisions.

Romans 6:1-4—

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

When our Lord calls His children, He enables them to get up and obey. When the paralytic was lowered to Jesus, He was enabled to do that he previously was unable to do—he got up and walked (Mark 2)! It is the same with Jairus' daughter (Mark 5). She was dead. You could have called out all day, "get up and eat something" and it would not have made any difference. However, when the Lord of all calls, He also provides the enabling to accomplish what He requires.

