

I Corinthians 6:9-11

⁹ Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate (by perversion), nor homosexuals, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor *the* covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.

For far too long, the church has been sold a bill of lies. We have been taught that as long as a person says a prayer that their eternal place in heaven is guaranteed. With no other emphasis placed on Discipleship, people believe that they can say a prayer, and then continue in their sins with no concern or worries of their eternity. Let me say first of all, that none of us can work our way into heaven!! Jesus Christ Himself paid the full price for our sins, and it is through Him and Him alone that any of us can be saved! But unless a person through the conviction of the Holy Spirit repents, and turns from their sins; that prayer was nothing less than lip service. Clearly we are told here in the scriptures that people who are committing these sins will not enter heaven. Beloved there is a difference between having sinned and continuing to live in unrepentant sin. Many people believe that repenting is asking for forgiveness; when in all actuality, repenting is turning completely away from what you are doing. When your confession of sin and your act of repentance line up together, your life changes! Anything short of that is nothing less than a religious experience that is completely ineffective with our Lord.

Today some denominations are telling people that it is ok to sin, that God understands. God made you the way that you are, so how could He ever hold that against you? Lies, lies, lies!!! If you have sin in your life, then those sins are separating you from your Lord! You can't have both worlds, either you die to your flesh and take up your cross, or you die to the Word of God and spend your eternity burning in the Lake of Fire. Either way you die, one is simply here during your stay on planet earth, the other is for all of time.

The church is full of people today, who are deceived into believing that they can have their sin and their place in heaven. People are living open lives of fornication, adultery and homosexuality. What about the word revile here in this scripture? The word revile means, "to use abusive language." I work everyday with men who claim to be believers, but their language is full of perverted and abusive words. Yet here again, the church has watered down the truth of God's Word to the point where no one feels any conviction for their sin. Look with me at what Jesus says about our mouths in **Matthew 15:11**, ¹¹ **"Not what enters into the mouth defiles the man, but what proceeds out of the mouth, this defiles the man."** Church how much longer must we tolerate the sin in our own lives? No wonder the world mocks Christ and the church, because many of us are no different than they. Please allow me to leave you with a promise that Jesus made in **Matthew 24:13**, ¹³ **"But the one who endures to the end, he shall be saved.** I exhort you by the mercies of God to repent, and to get right with your Lord. The consequences of those choices are eternal!! May God richly bless you as live according to His Word!