

“From Sinner To Saint!”
1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Introduction:

1. This Morning - We Are Going To Head Back Together To 1 Corinthians 6!
 - Where - Two Weeks Ago - We Learned Of Another Problem Going On In The Church At Corinth!
 - Christians Were Taking Other Christians To Court In Order To Sue One Another And Settle Their Problems!
 - Paul Explained To Them That:
 - This Practice Was A Sin!
 - And Also That This Practice Was A Shame! (6:5)
 - In Fact - It Would Be Better For You To Suffer A Loss From Your Fellow Christian - Than To Take Them To Court! (6:7)
 - So - To Help Them Overcome This Problem:
 - Paul Appealed To Their Understanding Of The Gospel & What Jesus Christ Has Done For Them!
 - In 6:2 - “Do Ye Not Know” -
 - “That The Saints Shall Judge The World?”
 - The Gospel Has Given Christians An Amazing Future!
 - In 6:3 - “Know Ye Not” -
 - “That We Shall Judge Angels?”
 - The Gospel Has Given Christians An Amazing Authority!
 - So - Why Can’t You Deal With Your Own Issues Together:
 - As Christians & Within The Church?
2. Now - We Come To Another Reminder In 6:9-11:
 - Stated The Same Way - “Know Ye Not?”
 - “Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, / Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. / And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God!”
 - Paul Is Reminding Them & Us Today:
 - That The Gospel Of Jesus Christ Has Changed Us!
 - From Sinners To Saints!
 - And Because Of This Change In Our Hearts:
 - There Needs To Be A Change In Our Habits!
 - Because Of This Change In Our Condition:
 - There Needs To Be A Change In Our Conduct!
 - Because You Are No Longer The Sinners You Once Were:
 - Now - You Need To Live Like The Saints That You Are!
3. So - In Dealing With Sin:
 - In Your Personal Lives As Christians!
 - In Your Public Life As A Church!
 - Remember Who You Are!
 - Remember What The Gospel - The Good News Of Jesus Christ Has Done For You!
 - And To Help Us To Live The Way God Intends For Us To Live As Christians:
 - As Those Who Are Believing In Jesus Christ Alone For Salvation From Our Sins!
 - We Are Given 4 Things To Remember:

* Remember:

1. ***The Great Concern For Sinners!***
 - 6:9a - “Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?”
 - We Need To Remember This Great Concern For Sinners!
 - Because It Involves Us!
 - This Great Concern: Involves A Fact About Sinners:

- A Truth That Comes Directly From God & His Word!
 - And Can Only Be Denied At Your Own Peril!
- Paul Asks Them: "Know Ye Not?"
 - And Once Again - For The 3rd Time In This Chapter - Paul Informs Them Of A Truth That He Expected Them To Know!
 - And If They Didn't Know This Truth Before - They Know It Now!
 - You Can't Plead Ignorance!
- Especially Of This Statement Of One Of The Most Fundamental Truths Of The Gospel!
 - "The Unrighteous Shall Not Inherit The Kingdom Of God!"
 - This Statement Is A Fact!
 - And It Is A Great Concern For Sinners!
 - Was A Great Concern For Us - When We Came To Understand This Ourselves, By The Work Of The Holy Spirit In Our Lives!
- This Great Concern: Involves A Fault In Sinners:
 - The Fault - We Are All "Unrighteous" Before God!
 - And Since We Are "Unrighteous" - We "Shall Not Inherit The Kingdom Of God!"
 - To Be "Unrighteous" Means:
 - First - You Are Not Right With God!
 - We Are All Born This Way!
 - Job 25:4 - "How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean that is born of a woman?" - A Good Question!
 - If You Are Not Right With God - You Will Not Inherit His Kingdom!
 - Second - You Are Not Doing Right Before God!
 - If You Are A Sinner In Character - We All Are!
 - You Will Be A Sinner In Conduct - We All Do!
 - Romans 3:10-12 - "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: / There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. / They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one!"
 - This Is Our Fault! We Are All Sinners / Unrighteous!
 - What Does This Do To Us?
- This Great Concern: Involves The Future Of Sinners:
 - The Future - "The Unrighteous Shall Not Inherit The Kingdom Of God!"
 - Means - You Will Not Have A Part Or A Place In The Future Kingdom Of God!
 - You Will Not Go To Heaven!
 - You Cannot Go To Heaven!
 - Instead - This Is The Future For Sinners:
 - Revelation 21:8 - "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death!"
- This Is The Great Concern For Sinners!
 - For All Sinners!
 - And We Need To Remember That This Is Who We Were Apart From Jesus Christ!

* Remember:

2. *The Guilty Condition Of Sinners!*

- 6:9b-10 - "Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, / Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God!"
 - We Need To Remember The Guilty Condition Of Sinners!
 - Because It Reflects Us & Our Past Condition!
 - So Many Think That Just Going To Church Or Being A Member Of A Church Or Even Just Calling Themselves A Christian - Means That They Are Right With God!
 - And So They Continue To Live Like They Used To, Or They Continue To Live Like The Sinners In The World Around Them!
 - And It Seems Like Many In The Corinthian Church Were Thinking The Same Thing & Living

- The Same Way!
 - So Paul Tells Them That:
- The Guilty Are Deceived!
 - "Be Not Deceived!"
 - Don't Be Led Astray Into Thinking That You Are Right With God When Your Not Doing Right Before God!
 - And Don't Be Led Astray & Away From This Truth In 6:9!
 - Without It - There Will Be A Blurring Of Sin & Of God & Of The Gospel!
 - **IE:** Blurred Vision!
 - And Yet Isn't This A Problem We Find In Many Professing Christians & Churches Today?
 - They Are Deceived! Even To The Point Of Saying That Something Is Not A Sin, When It Clearly, Biblically Is A Sin!
 - Isaiah 5:20 - "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"
 - Don't Be Deceived!
- The Guilty Are Disobedient!
 - In 6:9-10 - We Find A List Of 10 Examples Of Sinners, To Help Us Understand What It Means To Be "Unjust!"
 - And Unsaved!
 - But - This Is What Many Are Trying Purposefully To Blur And Confuse!
 - But Make No Mistake: What We Find Here Is Sin!
 - Sinful Character & Sinful Conduct!
 - Who Will Not Inherit The Kingdom Of God?
 - You Cannot Merely Say That You Are A Christian And Yet Continue In A Life Of Unconvicted & Unrepentant Sin Like This!
 - "Neither Fornicators" - Pornoi
 - Those Who Live Their Lives In Sexual Immorality! Technically Deals With Those Who Are Unmarried Who Have Immoral Relationships!
 - But We Have Been Deceived! Living Together Before Marriage / "Friends With Benefits" / As Long As The Sex Is Safe & Noone Gets Hurt Or Pregnant, Then It Is OK!
 - Fornication Is Sin! And Fornicators Will Not Inherit The Kingdom Of God! They Need Jesus! Just Like We Did!
 - "Nor Idolaters" - Eidololatreis
 - Those Who Are Involved In False Worship Of A False God!
 - But We Have Been Deceived! Religion Is A Cultural Thing! As Long As A Person Is Sincere! All Roads Lead To Heaven!
 - Idolatry Is Sin! And Idolaters Will Not Inherit The Kingdom Of God! They Need To Know The One True God! Just Like We Did!
 - "Nor Adulterers" - Moichoï
 - This Deals With Anyone Who Is Unfaithful To Their Marriage Partner - Their Husband Or Wife!
 - Hebrews 13:4 Shows The Value God Places On The Sexual Relationship Between A Husband & A Wife - "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge!"
 - But We Have Been Deceived! Affairs Are Almost An Expected Part Of Marriage! Seen On TV / Movies! Faithfulness In Marriage Is Laughed At Almost As Much As Purity Before Marriage!
 - Adultery Is Sin! And Adulterers Will Not Inherit The Kingdom Of God! They Need To Be Born Again! Like We Did!
 - "Nor Effeminate" - Malakoi
 - A Word That Means Soft - Is Even Used To Describe "Soft" Clothes In Matthew & Luke!
 - Here It Describes People - "Soft Ones!"
 - And In The Close Context Of Sexual Types Of Sin - Seems To Deal With Perversion!

- Like When A Male Tries To Be Like Or Become A Female! Or When A Female Tries To Be Like Or Become A Male! Living In A Way That Does Not Reflect Who God Made You To Be!
- But We Have Been Deceived! More & More People Are Trying To Change Who God Made Them To Be! This Is Rebellion! And This Is Sin!
- The Effeminate Will Not Inherit The Kingdom Of God! They Need To Be Cleansed By The Blood Of Jesus Christ! Like We Did!
- “Nor Abusers Of Themselves With Mankind”
 - Arsenokoitai
 - A Phrase That Translates A Word That Means “Liers With Man” - Or Homosexuals - A Description That Is Taken From Leviticus 18:22!
 - But We Have Been Deceived! Even Some Who Call Themselves Christians Are Now Considering Homosexuality Just An “Alternative Lifestyle”!
 - Need To Be Clear - Homosexuality Is A Sin! And Homosexuals Will Not Inherit The Kingdom Of God! They Need The Life-Changing Power Of The Gospel! Like We Did!
- 6:10 - “Nor Thieves” - Kleptai
 - We Need To Remember That “All Unrighteousness Is Sin” (1 John 5:17) - And The Sins That Are Mentioned In 6:10 Are Just As Sinful As The Ones We Just Looked At! Don’t Be Deceived!
 - Theft / Stealing Is Sin! And Thieves Will Not Inherit The Kingdom Of God!
- “Nor Covetous” - Pleonektai (Seen In 5:10-11)
 - Greedy! Always Wanting More - Especially What Belongs To Someone Else!
 - Greed Is Not Good - Greed Is Sin! Covetousness Is Sin! And The Covetous Will Not Inherit The Kingdom Of God!
- “Nor Drunkards” - Methusoi (Seen In 5:11)
 - Intoxication - Alcoholism!
 - Drunkenness Is Sin! Drunks / Alcoholics Will Not Inherit The Kingdom Of God!
- “Nor Revilers” - Loidopoi (Seen In 5:11)
 - One Who Is Abusive In Their Speech! Those Who Continuously Use Their Tongue To Curse / Criticize / Cut Others!
 - Reviling / Abusing Others With Your Words Is Sin! Revilers Will Not Inherit The Kingdom Of God!
- “Nor Extortioners” - Harpages
 - To Extort / Take From Others Through Coercion Or Intimidation!
 - This Too Is Sin! Extortioners Will Not Inherit The Kingdom Of God!
- But We Have Been Deceived!
 - Into Thinking That These Kinds Of Sin Are “Minor” Compared To The “Major” Ones We Looked At In 6:9! Or Into Thinking That These Kinds Of Sin Do Not Need To Be Dealt With Directly In Our Own Lives / Church!
 - No - They Are All Serious Sin! Why?
- The Guilty Are In Danger!
 - None Who Continue To Practice These Kinds Of Sin:
 - “Shall Inherit The Kingdom Of God!”
 - They Are Not Saved!
 - They Cannot Go To Heaven!
- This Is The Guilty Condition Of Sinners!
 - For All Sinners!
 - And We Need To Remember That This Is What We Were Like Apart From Jesus Christ! But Don’t Stop There!

* Remember:

3. ***The Gospel Change To Sinners!***

- 6:11a - “And such were some of you!”
 - We Need To Remember The Gospel Change To Sinners!
 - That Is - The Gospel Can Change Even The Worst / The Chiefest Of Sinners!

- And If This Is What The Gospel Of Jesus Christ Has Done To Us:
 - Then We Need To Live According To That Change!
 - What Can / What Does The Gospel Change?
- The Gospel Changes The Power Of Sin!
 - “And Such!”
 - This Actually Points Back To The List Of Sins We Just Finished Looking At!
 - You Were Filled With All Kinds Of Sin!
 - Ephesians 2:1 - “Dead In Trespasses And Sins!”
 - But No Longer!
 - The Gospel Frees You From The Power Of Sin!
 - Romans 6:13 - “Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God!”
- The Gospel Changes Your Past Of Sin!
 - “Were Some Of You!”
 - Another Incredible Thing That The Gospel Of Jesus Christ Does - It No Longer Identifies You As The Kinds Of Sinners That We Just Read!
 - Something Else We Are Often Deceived By!
 - The World Wants To Classify Us By Our Sins!
 - You Are A Thief!
 - You Are An Alcoholic!
 - You Are A Homosexual!
 - And There Is Nothing You Can Do To Change Who You Are!
 - Partly Right - Nothing YOU Can Do!
 - But It Is Something The Gospel Can Do!
 - If You Are A True Christian:
 - You Were A Fornicator!
 - But You Are No Longer One!
 - You Were An Idolater!
 - But You Are No Longer One!
 - You Were An Adulterer!
 - But You Are No Longer One!
 - You Were Effeminate Or A Homosexual!
 - But You Are No Longer One!
 - You Were A Thief Or Greedy!
 - Not No Longer!
 - You Were An Alcoholic Drunk!
 - But You Are No Longer One!
 - In Other Words - You Were A Sinner!
 - But Now You Are A Saint!
 - You Have Been Changed By The Gospel Of Jesus Christ - Which You Believe!
 - You Are No Longer Identified By What Kind Of Sinner You Were!
 - You’re Identity Is Now In Jesus Christ!
 - Galatians 2:20 - “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me!”
- This Is What The Gospel Does To Sinners Like Us!
 - It Changes Us From Sinners To Saints!

* Remember:

4. *The Glorious Cleansing Of Sinners!*

- 6:11b - “But ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God!”
 - You Know Why You No Longer Have To Be Identified By Your Sin? Not Because Of What

- You Have Done - But Because Of What Has Been Done To You!
- You Have Been Washed!
 - Of All Your Sin! "To Wash Away"
 - Isaiah 1:18 - "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool!"
 - You Were Dirty / Grimy / Filthy Because Of Your Sin!
 - Jesus Christ Came & Died On The Cross To Wash Away Your Sin Away With His Own Blood!
 - We Have Been Gloriously Cleansed!
 - You Have Been Sanctified!
 - To Set Apart / To Be Made Holy!
 - We Are Not Perfect Or Holy Right Away / Right Now!
 - We Still Face Temptation & Still Struggle With Sin!
 - But Sanctification Is What The Holy Spirit Is Doing In Your Life Every Day!
 - As He Bears His Fruit In Us!
 - And It Will Show In Our Walk With God!
 - We Have Been Gloriously Cleansed!
 - You Have Been Justified!
 - To Be Made / Declared Righteous!
 - Before Trusting In Jesus - We Were Unjust!
 - Not Right With God!
 - And Not Fit For Heaven!
 - Now - Trusting In Jesus - We Are Justified!
 - Right With God - In Our Relationship With Him!
 - Righteous Before God - In Our Standing With Him!
 - We Have Been Gloriously Cleansed!
 - And Heaven Is Now Our Future Home / Inheritance!
 - And This Cleansing Is The Basis Of Our New Life & Our New Lifestyle!
 - As Another Pastor Put It - "A New Life Demands A New Lifestyle!"
 - You Are No Longer A Sinner – You Are A Saint!
 - "In The Name Of The Lord Jesus, And By The Spirit Of Our God!"

Conclusion:

1. Do You Remember What The Gospel Has Done For You?
 - If You Are A True Christian:
 - Do Not Forget What Jesus Has Done For You!
 - And Don't Turn Back To What You Were & Did Before You Came To Jesus Christ!
 - If You Are Still Lost In Your Sin:
 - Turn Away From That Sin - Repent!
 - Turn To Jesus Christ - Call Upon Him To Save You!
 - Trust In The Blood Of Jesus - To Cleanse You!
2. And You Can Be No Longer A Sinner!
 - But A Saint!

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