

You Were Washed (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

- I. **Introduction**
 - A. A portrait of the desperately wicked heart (Jer 17:9, John 3:19)
 - B. A heart that God changes in regeneration (Titus 3:5, 2 Co 5:17)
 - C. Paul's concern that the behaviors in the church were characteristic of the unregenerate world and not God's people (1 Co 6:7-11)
 - D. Outline of sermon

- II. **Presumption: *Do you not know ... Do not be deceived ... (vs. 9a)***
 - A. Two extremes of Christian thinking
 - 1. Introspection (don't examine yourself)
 - 2. Presumption (the error of the church at Corinth)
 - B. A stern warning against presumption

- III. **Who will not inherit the kingdom of God? (vs 9b-10)**
 - A. A note concerning context (vss 9-11 is the conclusion to vss. 1-8)
 - 1. "zooming out" to offer an eternal example with a temporal application to church membership
 - B. A catalog of ten vices (like the ten commandments)
 - 1. What should our attitude be toward this list?
 - 2. *Sexually immoral* (fornicators) – sex outside of marriage
 - 3. *Idolaters* – Matt 24:23-24 (could refer to sexual idolatry)
 - 4. *Adulterers* – the marriage bed Heb 13:4
 - 5. *Effeminate* and *homosexuals*
 - a. some try to explain this away culturally Rom 1:26-27
 - b. some try to explain this away as only applying to the Jewish people Lev 18:22
 - c. what about other prohibitions in Lev 18 & 19?
 - 6. *Thieves* and *covetous* – greedy, not content
 - 7. *Drunkards*
 - 8. *Revilers* – 1 Pet 2:23, 3:16
 - 9. *Swindlers* – beware of church marketing schemes
 - C. Who then will inherit the kingdom of God?
 - 1. Repent and believe the Gospel
(Rom 6:23, Mt 9:13, Rom 5:20, Eph 2:8-9)

- IV. **What you were and what you are (vs 11)**
 - A. BUT ... *such were some of you*
 - 1. It doesn't matter what you were – all Christians are ex-sinners
 - B. *You were washed* (Titus 3:5)
 - C. *You were sanctified* (definitively)
 - D. *You were justified* (Rom 3:26, 4:22-25)

- V. **Application**
 - A. Know that the church will never be 100% pure this side of heaven
 - B. A call to the Christian to repent and become what you are!
 - C. *You were bought with a price, therefore glorify God ...*