

The Unrighteous
Part 3
The Believer's Unrighteous Past
1st Co. 6:9-11

INTRODUCTION

I. THE BELIEVERS OF CORINTH WERE CHARACTERIZED BY THE UNRIGHTEOUS BEHAVIORS PAUL MENTIONED BEFORE SALVATION.

A. The use of the verb were is the imperfect of eimi.

1. The imperfect form is used 16 times in the New Testament to emphasize ***a past state; continual action in past time.***
2. The imperfect is used several times to indicate the believer's past struggles with the sin and the sin nature.
 - a) Believers were servants to the sin nature. Rom. 6:17,20
 - b) The Corinthians were led away by dumb idols. 1st Co. 12:2
 - c) The Ephesians were told that they were in darkness before salvation. Eph. 5:8

B. The word "such" is the near demonstrative pronoun tauta which refers back to the behaviors that Paul said characterized the unrighteous. Matt. 15:20 (used of referring back to things that come out of the heart)

C. "Some of you" emphasize the fact that not all the Corinthians were representative of the behaviors Paul mentioned.

II. THE CORINTHIANS WERE CHANGED BY WASHING.

A. The word "washed" is apolouo (aor. Mid. ind.) which is used in Scripture of those who have been made clean by the redemptive work of Christ. Cf. Acts 22:16

B. Each who believe the gospel for salvation is washed as a result of regeneration. Cf. Tit. 3:5

C. The act of washing by God is called "redemption". Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14 (results in forgiveness of sins); Rom. 3:24 (believers are justified because of it)

III. THE CORINTHIANS WERE SANCTIFIED.

- A. The word “sanctified” (Aor. pass. ind.) is used to note ones who have been made set apart; The term *hagiazō* is used over 26 times in varying forms in the New Testament of that which is set apart and distinct unto God.
 - 1. Its base meaning is to be distinct from that which is unlike God. 2 Tim. 2:21
 - 2. All believers are seen as sanctified. 1st Co. 1:2; Jude 1:1
 - 3. Unbelievers made distinct through marriage. 1st Co. 7:14
 - 4. Practical sanctification is inclusive of all three parts of man. 1st Thess. 5:23 cf. 1st Pet. 3:15

- B. The offering of the body of Christ made sanctification possible. Heb. 10:10,14

IV. THE CORINTHIANS WERE JUSTIFIED

- A. The word “justified” (aor. Pass. ind.) is a term that notes to be made right. Cf. 1st Co. 4:4 (used of one making themselves right);

- B. Justification took place at salvation. Acts 13:39 (occurred at belief); Rom. 5:1; Ja. 2:24 (by faith); Rom. 5:9 (because of the blood of Christ); Tit. 3:7 (it is by grace)

CONCLUSION