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## I Corinthians 6:9-11 “Such Were Some Of You”

### PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

“A transformed life should produce transformed living.” JOHN MACARTHUR

“And such were some of you!”

**But** you were washed, sanctified, and justified.

**Washed**, new life of regeneration.

**Sanctified**, new behavior.

**Justified**, a right standing before God.

This is the wonder of God’s salvation—that regardless of what our lifestyle may have been, God will forgive us through his Son and make us his special, redeemed children. *V. D. Verbrugge*

They “will not inherit the kingdom of God.” These are strong words. Obviously Paul does not mean that anyone who commits such a sin at any time in his or her life is automatically excluded from the possibility of eternal life; otherwise he could not have written **v. 11**. Rather, he is talking about those who make such sins their lifestyle and feel no guilt whatsoever for engaging in these sinful acts (cf. **Gal 5:21; Eph 5:5**). They will be excluded from that time when Jesus comes to set up his eternal kingdom (cf. **1 Co 15:24, 50**; see comments there).

Implicit here is a warning to any who freely engage in such sins that their eternal souls are in jeopardy and that they should repent of these sins and change their manner of living. While such warnings are often muted in the church today, Paul spares no punches in calling for repentance from a life of sin and turning to the only one who can rescue them, namely, Jesus. *V. D. Verbrugge*

**APPLICATION:** “Such were some of you;” (**I Corinthians 6:11a**) If there is anything good in our lives, it is there by the grace of God. “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” (**Romans 3:23**). No one except Jesus has ever lived life so well that they did not need a Savior, namely Jesus, and no one has ever sinned so badly that they cannot be saved. Our passage today is a good reference for this theological truth. In these three short verses Paul describes some, not all, of the sins that separate the unrepentant person from the Lord. Paul also makes it clear that these are not unpardonable sins because he reminds the saints that, “such were some of you.” However, for those who believe in Jesus and place their faith in His finished work on the cross, (see **Ephesians 2:8-9**) they are now: washed, sanctified, and justified. Glory to God! Notice that in the text this is all written in the past tense signifying a done deal. Once a person has been born again they can never lose their salvation, (see **Ephesians 1:13** “In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise.” See also **Ephesians 4:30** “Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”) (NASB)