

## 1 Corinthians 6 and Abstinence 04-17-22

Paul's Concerns: Tolerating sinful living among them

- Are they sinfully living themselves?
- They can lose the inheritance!

What is the Inheritance

1. Israelite inheritance: Canaan's Land (Deuteronomy 15:4)
2. Our inheritance: Eternal life with God
  - Promised 1st to Abraham – Galatians 3:18
  - Guaranteed by Jesus – Ephesians 1:14
  - Qualified by adoption – Colossians 1:12

Losing the Inheritance

By being unrighteous

Unrighteous – those who are not right by the standard that God has established  
those who practice (works of the flesh) will not inherit the kingdom of God (Gal. 5:21)

If you are living in sin, there is no inheritance

The deceptive nature of sin

Temptation and desire – James 1:13-15

There is always a penalty – Galatians 6:7

Losing the Inheritance

Works of the flesh

Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves,  
nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners.....

Paul's surprise: such were some of you.....

You were washed – Baptized

Cleansed of sin

Born again

Adopted by Grace

You were sanctified – Made Holy

Your body is now a Temple of God

His Spirit makes you alive

You must maintain its sanctity

You were justified – Made right before God

Literally – acquittal of charges

By the righteousness of Jesus

Therefore

1. Do not return to the reason you were lost
2. God cannot exist with sinfulness
3. Constantly seek to purify yourselves