

Truly Transformed

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

I. Intro

● Anecdote

• Transformation

- Transformation - it's a word that refers to the complete change that improves the person who is being transformed.
- And as we consider the way that every person is less than perfect - it's no wonder that so many people desire true transformation.
- The proof of my point is found in the fact that - at least 78% of people of any age - want to experience the transformation of a changed personality.
- Not only that - but - most Americans also want to transform their bodies - whether it be through diet - exercise - or body modifications.
- For example - At least 80% of us have tried to transform our bodies - through some sort of diet...
- ...and there's also 80% of us - who are trying to transform our bodies - by physical exercise - whether in the gym - or at home.
- In light of this data - there should be no doubt that - most of us want to experience true transformation.

• Cosmetic

- Further proof of my point can be found in the fact that the average woman here in America...
- ...will spend about fifteen thousand dollars on beauty products - over the course of her life.

- The reason why is because - most women want to transform their face - before they go out and face the world.
- In a similar - yet more permanent way - many people try to transform their lives - with tattoos — piercings — and body modifications...
- ...while others are now taking puberty blockers - cross sex hormones - and the so-called - gender-affirming surgeries.
- And while these are all very different measures and methods for achieving change...
- ...the decision driver in each case - is a desire to experience true transformation.

II. Outline

● Points

- True
- Sadly - each of these measures will fail to achieve the true transformation that we long for.
- With that being the case - I'm happy to inform you that - the Lord Jesus has a plan - to provide us with true transformation.
- And as we study these scriptures before us this morning - we'll begin to see that...
 1. ...True Transformation happens when we are Washed with the Word
 2. ...True Transformation happens when we are Sanctified in the Spirit
 3. ...True Transformation happens when we are Justified by Jesus
- With this as our outline - let's open our Bibles to 1st Corinthians chapter 6...

- ...where we find Paul - helping his audience to understand how believers are truly transformed.

III. Washed

● Set up

- Context
- And as we make our way to the sixth chapter of 1st Corinthians - I wanna take a moment to put our text - back into it's context.
- With this as our focus - I should begin by reminding you that - it was in the previous chapter of this epistle...
- ...when Paul encouraged the Christians in Corinth - to separate themselves from the backslidden believers...
- ...who we're sexually immoral - or covetous - or an idolater - or a reviler - or a drunkard - or an extortioner.
- And now - here in our text today - we find Paul - presenting a contrast - between those who are truly transformed...
- ...and those who will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- Let's consider how Paul put it - here in 1st Corinthians chapter 6 - look with me beginning there at verse 9 - where he declared...

● Text

1Co 6:9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,

1Co 6:10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

1Co 6:11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

- Inherit
 - Here in these verses - we find Paul - helping the original recipients of this epistle to realize that...
 - ...there will be many - who will not inherit the kingdom of God.
 - That word - inherit - found there in verses 9 and 10 - was translated from a Greek word...
 - ...which was used of the heirs - who receive an inheritance - according to the provision and possession - promised to them.
 - In the context of the Christian faith - those who trust in Christ Jesus will receive an everlasting inheritance...
 - ...as we enter into the kingdom of Christ and of our Heavenly Father.

- Inheritance

- Jesus used the same Greek word - in Matthew chapter 25 - when He described the day - when He will declare...

Mat 25:34 “Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world...”

- Those who trust in the Lord Jesus - will eventually inherit the kingdom of God - as we enter into our Heavenly home.
- And listen - this inheritance not only includes our heavenly home - in the Kingdom of God...
- ...but - it's in his letter to the church in Ephesus - where Paul also referred to the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints.
- And the apostle Peter also described our inheritance as being incorruptible and undefiled...

- ...as he assured every believer that our inheritance will not fade away - because - it's reserved for us in heaven.

- Deceived

- At the same time - Paul wanted the Christians in Corinth to realize that there will be many - who will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- Notice with me again - there in the beginning of verse 9 - where he declared...

1Co 6:9a Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived.

- Knowing that there were those who were deceived into believing that everyone will eventually enter the Kingdom of God...
 - ...Paul encouraged the original recipients of this epistle to realize that...
 - ...there would be those who will not receive the inheritance that the Lord Jesus promised - to those who trust in Him.
 - What this means is that - those who believe that everyone will end up in heaven - have been deceived.
 - And yeah - that includes those who have embraced the doctrine of Christian Universalism.
- Christian Universalism
 - Just to be clear - the doctrine of Christian Universalism is based on the belief that...
 - ...all of mankind will ultimately be saved through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ...
 - ...and yeah - this is regardless of whether or not they repent - and receive the forgiveness of sins - by faith in Jesus.

- And while those who embrace Christian Universalism insist that the love of God overrides His justice...
- ...they're failing to grasp the point that Paul was making - here in our text today...
- ...as he assured the Christians in Corinth - that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God.

- Unrighteous

- Now - that word - Unrighteous - found there in verse 9 - was translated from a Greek word...
- ...which was used of those who have violated the law of the Lord.
- And while the root word - righteous - refers to that which is right...
- ...the word - unrighteous - refers to those who do what is wrong.
- It's for this reason that the scholars who created the New Living Translation - rendered the beginning of verse 9 - in this way...

1Co 6:9a Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves.

- Fornicators

- In order to be precise - Paul went on to elaborate on the word unrighteous - by providing us with a list of sins.
- With this as our focus - let's take another look at this list - beginning again there at verse 9 - where he declared...

1Co 6:9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,
 1Co 6:10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

- Here in these verses - we find Paul - presenting us with a list of sins that will stop the sinner - from inheriting the Kingdom of God.
- And it's there at the top of the list - where he mentioned fornicators - which was translated from the Greek word - Pornos.
- This is the same word that Paul used in the previous chapter - where Paul referred to the sexually immoral people of this world.
- To sum it up simply - this word was used of those who engage in unlawful sexual intercourse - whether for pleasure - or financial gain.
 - And according to Paul - Fornicators who will not repent - will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- Idolaters
 - The second sin that Paul presented on this list - is based on the Greek word - which was rendered - idolaters.
 - An idolater is a person who worships false gods - like Baal - Ashtoreth or Molech.
 - Not only that - but - those who worship the false gods - found in Mormonism - Catholicism - and Islam - are also idolaters.
 - I should also point out that the unbeliever who is worshipping the wealth of this world - is guilty of idolatry.
 - To sum it up with simplicity - those who worship anything other than the God of the Bible - is guilty of idolatry.
 - And according to Paul - the idolaters who will not repent - will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- Adulterers

- The third sin that Paul presented on this list - stems from the Greek word - which was rendered - Adulterers.
- And just to be clear - an adulterer is a married person - who is engaging in an extra-marital relationship.
- Not only that - but - the person who is engaging in a sexual relationship with a married person - is also guilty of adultery.
- And while different people attempt to justify an emotional affair - by insisting that adultery must be physical...
 - ...the Lord Jesus assured us that those who look at another with lust - has already committed adultery - in their heart.
 - And according to Paul - those who will not repent of Adultery - will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- Homosexuals
 - The fourth sin that Paul presented on this list - stems from the Greek word - which was rendered - Homosexuals.
 - And while it's true that this word was used of the men - who engaged in pederasty...
 - ...which refers to practice of older men serving as mentors to young boys - in exchange for sexual favors...
 - ...this same Greek word was also used of male prostitutes - - as well as the effeminate men...
 - ...who were engaging in the unnatural intercourse of same sex relations.
 - And according to Paul - the Homosexuals who will not repent of their sexual immorality - will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- Sodomites

- The fifth sin that Paul presented on this list - stems from the Greek word - which was rendered - Sodomites.
- And while the Greek word - which was rendered - Homosexual - was used in reference to the effeminate man - in the same-sex relationship...
- ...the Sodomite seems to be the dominant - or active partner in the relationship.
- And whether we're talking about the men - who were serving as mentors to young boys - in exchange for sexual favors...
- ...or we're talking about the active partner in the same-sex relationship...
- ...Paul assured us that the sodomites who fail to repent of their sexual immorality - will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- Thieves
- The sixth sin that Paul presented on this list - stems from the Greek word - which was rendered - Thieves.
- This word was used of embezzlers - and extortioners.
- Not only that - but - the same Greek word was also used in reference to the false teachers...
- ...who were attempting to lead the sheep of our Savior - astray.
- This is also the word that the Lord Jesus used - when He warned us about the thief who comes to steal - - kill - and destroy.
- And according to Paul - the Thieves who will not repent - will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- Covetous

- The seventh sin that Paul presented on this list - stems from the Greek word - which was rendered - Covetous.
- That word - Covetous - was used of those who are eager to have more - because - they're greedy for gain.
- This word is often times used of those who have an evil desire to acquire that which belongs to another.
- And while it's true that the Christian has been called to be content with the perfect provision of the Lord...
 - ...the person who is driven by their covetous desire for more - will be destroyed by their foolish and harmful lusts.
 - And according to Paul - those who fail to repent of their Covetousness - will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- Drunkards
- The eighth sin that Paul presented on this list - was translated from a Greek word - which was rendered - Drunkards.
- Drunkards are those who fail to maintain the self-control of sobriety - through the consumption of alcohol.
- And while there is no Biblical prohibition against drinking wine - - there are many verses about the importance of maintaining our sobriety.
- Knowing how difficult it is for those who consume alcohol to maintain their sobriety...
 - ...I encourage every Christian to abstain from every intoxicating substance that could cause us to cross that line.
 - Not only that - but - it's also important for us to realize that the Drunkards who fail to repent - will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- Revilers

- The ninth sin that Paul presented on this list - comes from the Greek word - which was rendered - Revilers.
- Just to be clear - a reviler - is an abusive person - who lashes out at others in anger.
- And while it's not a sin to struggle with anger - - - it is a sin - to allow our anger - to manifest as abusive behavior.
- Thankfully for us - the Lord Jesus is able to help those who trust in Him...
 - ...to keep our anger in check - by the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - At the same time - it's also important to realize that - the Revilers who will not repent - will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- Extortioners
 - The tenth - and final sin that Paul presented on this list - stems from the Greek word - which was rendered - Extortioners.
 - Extortioners are those who are so greedy for gain - that they're willing to obtain the wealth of this world...
 - ...through illegal means - like force - or intimidating threats - or other unfair measures.
 - Extortion is criminal act - and it's a crime that can manifest as blackmail - or racketeering - robbery.
 - And while it's not uncommon for Covetous people to see extortion - as a way to acquire their desire for worldly wealth...
 - ...the apostle Paul assured us that the Extortioners who will not repent - will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- More

- Now - as we consider the 10 sins that are found on this list - you might like to know that - Paul expanded upon this list - in the book of Galatians.
- It's in Galatians chapter 5 - beginning at verse 19 - where he declared...

Gal 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

Gal 5:20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

Gal 5:21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

- Christian - listen - those who continue living for the lusts of the flesh - will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- And it's for this reason that Paul encouraged every unbeliever to repent of their unrighteousness...
- ...so that sinners can receive the forgiveness of sins - by faith in Jesus Christ.
- It's at the moment of our conversion to Christ - when our unrighteous sins - are covered with the righteousness of the Lord Jesus.
- And not only that - but - it's at that moment when the born-again believer also becomes a new creation in Christ Jesus.
- Were
- Let's consider how Paul put it - here in 1st Corinthians chapter 6 - look with me - there at verse 11 - where he declared...

1Co 6:11ab And such were some of you. But you were washed...
- Now - I wanna stop right here - so that we can consider the transformation that takes place...

- ...in the lives of those who repent of their sins - and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- This transformation is summarized in the Greek word - which was rendered - WERE.
- Let's consider how Paul put it - by declaring: "...and such WERE some of you."
- In other words - the Christians who were once unrighteous sinners - are transformed by the washing of regeneration.
- Washed
 - That word - washed - found there in verse 11 - was translated from a Greek word...
 - ...which - in this context - was used in reference to the sinner - who is cleanse from the filth of their sins...
 - ...through the spiritual washing that results in the regeneration of the Spirit - - and the remission of sins.
 - And just to be clear about this - I should take a moment to point out that...
 - ...Paul wasn't referring to the baptismal waters - that are used in the sacred sacrament of baptism.
 - No - instead - Paul was referring to the spiritual washing that transforms the minds of those who trust in Jesus. .
- Transformed
 - Let's consider how Paul explained it - in Romans chapter 12 - it's beginning at verse 1 - where he declared...

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

- Rather than being conformed - by the peer pressure of those who are living for the lusts of the flesh...
- ...Paul encouraged us to become believers - who are transformed - through the renewing of our mind.
- And just to be clear - the transformation that results in the renewing of the mind...
- ...will enable the believer to prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
- And seeing how the perfect will of God has been revealed in the word of God - - then - it's the word of God that renews our mind.

● Application

- Word
- Let's consider how Paul explained it - in Ephesians chapter 5 - where he described the way that Jesus cleanses us - with the water of the word.
- It's beginning at verse 26 - where Paul described Jesus plan to...

Eph 5:26 ...sanctify and cleanse (the church) with the washing of water by the word,

Eph 5:27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

- Christian - listen - the Lord Jesus is the One - Who uses the pure water of God's Holy Word...

- ...to transform our lives - by cleansing the minds of those who trust in Him.
- And while it's true that we were once unrighteous sinners - who were living for the lusts of the flesh...
- ...the born again believer has become a new creation in Christ Jesus...
- ...through the transformation that takes place - according to the washing of water by the word - that renews our minds

● Transition

• Points

- Now - this brings us to our second point - because listen...
 1. ...True Transformation not only happens when we are Washed with the Word...
 2. ...but - True Transformation continues to happens - as we are Sanctified in the Spirit.
 - With this as our focus - let's continue to consider the point that Paul was making - here in our text today.
 - Look with me again - there at verse 11 - where Paul declared...

IV. Sanctified

● Text

1Co 6:11ab And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified...

- Sanctified

- Now - I wanna stop right here - so that we can consider the meaning of the word - sanctified.
- The Greek word which was rendered - sanctified - was used of those who have been set apart unto the Lord - by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- It's also interesting to note that - the same Greek word - is a derivative of the Greek word which is rendered - Holy.
- With that being the case - there should be no doubt that the Holy Spirit is instrumental in our sanctification.
- And while it's true that we are sanctified by the truth of God's word...
 - ...it's also true that the word of God was inspired by the Holy Spirit Who uses the word - to sanctify those who trust in Jesus.
- Transformed
 - According to Paul - those who repent of their sins - and trust in Jesus Christ - are not only transformed - through the washing of the word...
 - ...but - we are also transformed through the sanctification of the Spirit - as the Holy Spirit consecrates every Christian - unto the Lord.
 - Not only that - but - the believer is also transformed through sanctification...
 - ...as the Holy Spirit sets us free from the guilt of our unrighteousness
 - And we can also rejoice in knowing that the Holy Spirit continue to sanctify us - as He renews our soul.

● Application

- Regeneration
 - Let's consider how Paul put it - in Titus chapter 3 - beginning at verse 4 - he declared...

Tit 3:4 ...when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared,

Tit 3:5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

Tit 3:6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

- According to Paul - it's the loving kindness of God - that led Him to provide us with the the washing of regeneration - - apart from our works.
- And it's the mercy of God - that results in the renewing of the Holy Spirit.
 - Just to be clear - this renewing is not only the spiritual renovation that occurs at the moment of our conversion...
 - ...but the Holy Spirit continues to renew us - from day to day - and from grace to grace...
 - ...as He continues to transform us - according to the character of Christ.
- Process
 - To sum it up with simplicity - it's at the moment of our conversion to Christ...
 - ...when the born again believer is made positionally perfect - as we are washed with regeneration - according to the word.
 - It's at that very moment - when our unrighteousness is replaced by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
 - And from that moment forward - the Holy Spirit continues to renovate the born-again believer...
 - ...as He helps us to become practically righteous - according to the good works of God.

- And in this way - the Holy Spirit continues to transform our lives - according to the perfect will of God.

● Transition

• Points

- Now - this brings us to our third and final point - because listen...
 1. ...True Transformation not only happens when we are Washed with the Word - which results in the regeneration of the believer...
 2. ...and - True Transformation not only happens - as we are Sanctified in the Spirit...
 3. ...but - True Transformation also happens when we are Justified by Jesus
 - With this as our focus - let's continue to consider the point that Paul was making - here in our text today.
 - Look with me again - there at verse 11 - where Paul declared...

V. Justified

● Text

1Co 6:11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

• Justified

- As we take another look at this verse - we can see that those who trust in Jesus Christ have not only been washed with regeneration...
 - ...and - we've not only been sanctified by the power of the Holy Spirit...
 - ...but - we've been transformed - after being justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.

- And just to be clear - it'll help you to know that the word - justified - was translated from a Greek word...
- ...which was used in a judicial sense - in reference to those who have been declared to be righteous.
 - And what this means us that - the Lord Jesus is able to transform the unrighteous - into those who are righteous...
 - ...according to the free gift of grace - by which sinners are justified.
- Believes
 - I like the way that Paul explained it to the Jews who were at the synagogue of Antioch in Pisidia.
 - It's in Acts chapter 13 - beginning at verse 38 - where he declared...

Act 13:38 "...let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins;

Act 13:39 "and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.
 - Everyone who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ - not only receive the forgiveness of sins...
 - ...but - we are also justified from all the unrighteous things that the law of Moses condemns us of.
 - Were you a fornicator - or an idolater - were you an adulterer - or a homosexual - or a sodomite?
 - If so - the you can rejoice in knowing that those who trust in Jesus Christ are transformed - through justification.
 - Were you a thief - or covetous - were you a drunkard - a reviler - or an extortioner?

- Then - you can rejoice in knowing that those who trust in Jesus Christ are transformed - through justification.

- Name

- Let's consider again how Paul put it - here in 1st Corinthians 6 - look with me again - there at verse 11 - where he declared...

1Co 6:11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

- Regardless of your past - and no matter what sort of sins you were guilty of engaging in...
 - ...the lives of those who trust in Christ Jesus - are transformed through the justification that take place...
 - ...at the moment of our conversion - when we place our faith in the substitutionary sacrifice of our Savior.
 - And it's at that moment when the long list of unrighteous sins that we've committed is erased...
 - ...as the Holy Spirit sets us free from the condemnation of the law.

- Abraham

- And listen - this was a promise that the Lord presented to Abraham - when He made the Abrahamic covenant.
- Let's consider how Paul put it - in Galatians chapter 3 - it's beginning at verse 8 where he declared...

Gal 3:8 ...the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed."

Gal 3:9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

Gal 3:10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them."

Gal 3:11 But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "the just shall live by faith."

- Paul was pointing back to the Abrahamic covenant that is found in Genesis chapter 12.
- And while it's true that the Abrahamic covenant included an everlasting promise of land - for the nation of Israel...
- ...it's also true that the Lord promised to bless the rest of the nations - through the promised seed of Abraham.
- And now - here in Galatians chapter 3 - we find Paul - helping the Christians in Galatia to understand that...
- ...that the Lord was promising to bless the gentile nations - through the sacrifice of Abraham's seed - Jesus.
- Fulfilled
- Now - just as a side note - there are Christians who insist that - the Lord Jesus has fulfilled the Abrahamic covenant...
- ...and therefore - the land of Israel no longer belongs to the descendants of Abraham - Isaac - and Jacob.
- What they fail to realize is that - the Abrahamic covenant included a promise of land to the nation that would come from Abraham...
- ...while simultaneously promising the blessing of justification for the Gentile nations - through the promised seed of Abraham.
- And while we can rejoice in knowing that Jesus is the promised seed - Who came to save those who trust in Him...

- ...I can also assure you that the Lord is going to fulfill the promise that He made to Abraham...
- ...when He promised to provide His descendants - with the land of their inheritance.
- Everlasting
- Let's consider how the Psalmist summed it up - in the 105th Psalm - beginning at verse 6 - where he declared...

Psa 105:6 O seed of Abraham His servant,

You children of Jacob, His chosen ones!

Psa 105:7 He is the LORD our God;

His judgments are in all the earth.

Psa 105:8 He remembers His covenant forever,

The word which He commanded, for a thousand generations,

Psa 105:9 The covenant which He made with Abraham,

And His oath to Isaac,

Psa 105:10 And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute,

To Israel as an everlasting covenant,

Psa 105:11 Saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan

As the allotment of your inheritance"

- Here in these verses - we find the Psalmist - rejoicing in the Seed of Abraham - from whom comes salvation - for Jew - and Gentile alike.
- At the same time - he also assures us that the Lord is going to fulfill the promise that He made - to Abraham - Isaac - and Jacob.
- And just to be clear - this is the everlasting covenant that He confirmed with Israel...
- ...when He promised to provide them with the land of Canaan - as the allotment of their inheritance.
- And listen - if God is willing to default on the promise He made with Abraham - then - how can we trust His promise of justification?

● Application

- Justifier
- Thankfully for us - it's impossible for God to break the promises that He has made.
- That being the case - let's consider the promise that Paul presented - in Romans chapter 3 - it's beginning at verse 21 - where he declared...

Rom 3:21 ...the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,

Rom 3:22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;

Rom 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Rom 3:24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Rom 3:25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,

Rom 3:26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

- Here in these verses - we find Paul - helping the church in Rome to understand how the seed of Abraham came to save sinners like us.
- And while it's true that we've all sinned - and we've all fallen short of God's perfect standard...
- ...it's also true that Jesus has received the punishment that we deserve.
- And in this way - God remains just - by punishing every sin - - while also becoming the justifier - of those who trust in Jesus.
- Therefore - we can rejoice in knowing that Christ Jesus is able to transform our lives - by saving us from the condemnation of the law.

VI. Conclusion

● Wrap up

• Points

- Now - as we begin to wrap up this study - - it's important for us to realize that - those who truly trust in Jesus - will truly be transformed.
- This was precisely the point that Paul was making - here in our text today - when he assured us that...
 1. True Transformation happens when the believer is Washed with the Word - which results in our regeneration.
 2. True Transformation also happens - as we are Sanctified in the Spirit - resulting in our renovation.
 3. And True Transformation happens when the believer is Justified by Jesus resulting in the remission of sins.
- And listen - if you've truly been washed - sanctified - and justified - in the name of Jesus - and by the Spirit of our God...
- ...then the proof of your Christian conversion will be seen - in the way that your life is transformed - by the power of God.
- And while it's true that those who are still living for the lustful desires of their fallen flesh - will not inherit the kingdom of God...
- ...it's also true that those who have been washed - sanctified - and justified by faith in Jesus...
 - ...will become those believers - whose lives are being transformed - by the power of the Holy Spirit.