

# The Kingdom of God

1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:3-5

- Salvation/eternal life is unconditional (gift)
- Kingdom of God is conditional (inheritance)
- 1 Corinthians 6:9-10
  - The lack of an article before “unrighteous” indicates Paul is referencing characteristics rather than positional traits
  - Unbeliever has no righteous position or traits
  - Believer is declared righteous but may have traits of unrighteousness
  - Inherit=fully possess
- 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
  - Paul clarifies freedom in Christ with “all things are lawful”; however, he corrects that mindset with “not all things are profitable
  - If we are bought with a price, that should impact our mindset
- Galatians 5:19-21
  - Living in the flesh, specifically regarding legalism, will always end with the same result—loss of inheritance
  - Living Spirit led lives keeps us from fulfilling the lusts of the flesh and allows us to live freely in Christ and from law
- Ephesians 5:3-5
  - This list indicates what is unbecoming of a believer
    - The tongue is listed with its warning regarding how and what we speak
- Ephesians 5:1-2, 15-21 provide us answers for how we are to receive an inheritance in the Kingdom of God
  - We are to be imitators of God, as beloved children
  - Walk in love, just as Christ
  - Walk in wisdom
  - Not wasting time
  - Understanding the will of the Lord
  - Be filled with the Spirit
  - Be encouraging to one another with songs
  - Giving thanks for all things
  - And be subject one to another
- Context of these three passages:
  - To the church at Corinth—they were abusing grace
  - To the church at Galatia—they were aborting grace
  - To the church at Ephesus—they were learning to apply grace