May we stand please...

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 6:9-11

Prayer:

Subject: "Such Were Some of You!"

Introduction:

I like the verb "were!"

We do not "practice" these things anymore!

We should endeavor to help others come to this great position!

That's why we are doing CoH! To get the message of Jesus and His love and forgiveness out to everyone!

I am so thankful that because we are "accepted" in Christ, we are new creations!

2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)

¹⁷Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Salvation brings about a "change;" Religion does not!

Let's look in on verse 11 closely tonight and see what our salvation brought us!

3 things! We were:

I. **Cleansed!** -"but ye are washed..."

A. By the Word:

John 15:3 (KJV)

³ Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

John 17:17 (KJV)

¹⁷ Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Psalm 119:9 (KJV)

⁹ Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed *thereto* according to thy word.

Ephesians 5:25-26 (KJV)

- ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
- ²⁶ That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

James 1:18 (KJV)

¹⁸ Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

B. By the Blood:

1 John 1:7 (KJV)

⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Revelation 1:5 (KJV)

⁵ And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

II. **Consecrated!** – "but ye are sanctified…"

Ephesians 5:26 (KJV)

²⁶ That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

Positionally sanctified is what Paul is saying here. Isn't it amazing that we (former sinners) have been "set apart" and made Holy by a Holy God?!

III. **Cleared!** – "but ye are justified…"

We were not only "set apart" but also, "set free!"

"Declared righteous;" "Not guilty!"

Acts 13:39 (KJV)

³⁹ And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Romans 5:1 (KJV)

¹ Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Ephesians 4:32 (KJV)

³² And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Closing:

In Summary:

- We have been Purchased (Salvation).
- We have been Pardoned (Justification).
- We have been Purposed (Sanctification).

Hallelujah!

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