



TEXT: 1 Corinthians 6:9 – 6:11

God is **RADICALLY HOLY**: 1 Corinthians 6:9a

- 1) **Do we SEE God as He actually is and ourselves as we actually are?**
Isaiah 6:3b, 5
- 2) **God EXPECTS HOLINESS** from those who would enter His life-giving presence: Hebrews 12:14ac
- 3) **God's ETHICAL STANDARDS** are **NOT** ours: 1 Corinthians 6:9c-10
 - a) **God's SEXUAL STANDARD** is that all sexual activity is to occur between one man and one woman bound together in **COVENANT** marriage: Matthew 19:4–5. See also: Hebrews 13:4
 - b) **Paul uses FOUR sexual terms in this passage**: fornicators; adulterers, perversely effeminate, homosexuals
 - c) **BUT, PURITY is MORE than just SEXUAL ETHICS** – Paul here condemns **SIX other SINFUL BEHAVIORS**: idolatry, theft, greed, abuse of substances, bullying/despising, cheating.
- 4) **DON'T be FOOLED** – God **CARES** about both your **SEXUAL** and **NON-sexual ETHICS**: 1 Corinthians 6:9b
 - **God's MORAL LAW** (His ethical & sexual standards) is **CONSISTENT** through **ALL AGES, CULTURES** and **SOCIETIES**:
Leviticus 20:10-21; Matt. 5:21-48; Romans 1:24-27; 1 Cor. 5:1
- 5) **UNHOLY PEOPLE** – regardless of their **PARTICULAR** sins – are **CUT OFF** from a **HOLY GOD**: Galatians 5:19–21 See also: Isaiah 59:2; Matthew 5:17-20; Ephesians 5:5; Revelation 21:8, 22:15
- 6) **WE** are **ALL**, by nature, **AMONGST** the cut off **UNHOLY ONES**: 1 Corinthians 6:11a
 - a) **We're REBELLIOUS in MIND and ACTION**: Colossians 1:21
 - b) **We're FOOLISH, DISOBEDIENT, LED ASTRAY, SLAVES** to our own passions and pleasure: Titus 3:3
 - c) **We're DEAD, FOLLOWERS of the WORLD'S VALUES and SATAN'S AGENDA**, and **SUBJECT** to God's **WRATH**: Eph. 2:1–3

God is **SUPREMACY POWERFUL**: 1 Corinthians 6:11ab

- 1) **We're NO LONGER** who we **ONCE WERE** – God has set us **FREE** from our former **IDENTITY** and **SIN PATTERNS**: Colossians 1:13–14.
See also: John 8:32; Acts 13:29; Galatians 5:13; 1 Peter 2:24
- 2) **We've been BORN AGAIN** – **GIVEN** a **NEW IDENTITY** – by a **WORK** of the **SPIRIT**: John 3:3, 5–8
- 3) **We've been WASHED** clean and **JUSTIFIED** by the **GRACE** of **JESUS**: Titus 3:4–7. See also: Rom. 3:20, 24; 5:1, 9; 8:33; Gal 2:16, 3:11
- 4) **We've been SANCTIFIED** by Jesus – **SET APART** as **HOLY** unto God: 1 Corinthians 1:2. See also: 1 Peter 2:9-11
- 5) **THEREFORE**, now **LIVE** as **HOLY ONES**: Eph. 4:21–24 See: Col. 3:5-10

God is **OVERWHELMINGLY LOVING**: 1 Corinthians 6:11bc

- 1) **God LOVES** us **SUFFICIENTLY** – Jesus lived the life we **SHOULD** have but **WE** get the **CREDIT**: 1 John 4:9. See also: Matthew 5:17
- 2) **God LOVES** us **SACRIFICIALLY** – Jesus **DIED** to pay the **PENALTY** we earned: 1 John 4:10
- 3) **God LOVES** us **UNDESERVEDLY**: Romans 5:8. See also: Rom. 5:10
- 4) **God LOVES** us **ADOPTIVELY**: 1 John 3:1a. See also: John 1:12-13; Romans 8:15, 23; Galatians 4:5; Ephesians 1:5
- 5) **God LOVES** us **PERSUASIVELY**: John 3:16. See also: Romans 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8

Use these “Gospel In Life” questions this week
to help you and your friends **REFLECT** on and **APPLY** this message!

- 1) **BELIEVE**: WHAT TRUTHS did God **REVEAL** to me through His Word today about **HIM** and/or **MYSELF**?
- 2) **ASSESS**: HOW do these truths **ENCOURAGE** and/or **CHALLENGE** (convict) ME?
- 3) **PROCESS**: WHY is this message **GOOD NEWS (GOSPEL)** to ME today? (CONNECT the GOSPEL story to MY present story)
- 4) **CHANGE**: WHERE will I **APPLY** (BELIEVE, REPENT, DO) this message in MY own life this week?
- 5) **PROCLAIM**: WHO does God want ME to share these truths with this week?
- 6) **PREPARE for NEXT WEEK**: Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-20