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THE TRUTH shall make you free. *John 8:32*

Who shall inherit the kingdom of God?

First we look at who **will not** inherit the kingdom of God. The Authorized King James Bible, (God's Holy Word), says in *1 Corinthians 6:9-10*:⁹ Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,¹⁰ Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Let's examine these people. A **fornicator** is one who voluntarily commit sexual intercourse with someone they are not lawfully married to. An **idolater** is one who worships an idol or idols. An **adulterer** is one who is lawfully married, that voluntarily commit sexual intercourse with someone that is not their spouse. **Effeminate** is term meaning woman like traits or qualities. When used of a man, it means womanish or unmanly. Mankind means man, as distinguished from women. **Abusers of themselves with mankind deals** with the sin of sodomy. **Thieves** are people who take things belonging to another. **Covetous** is to long for something that belongs to another. A **drunkard** is one who is affected with alcoholic drink or drugs. A **reviler** is one who uses abusive or contemptuous language. **Extortioners** are those who gain at the expense of others by threat, oppression, or abuse of authority.

Galatians 5:19-21 tells us:¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; **Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,**²⁰ **Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,**²¹ **Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like:** of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things **shall not** inherit the kingdom of God.

Ephesians 5:3-6 says:³ But **fornication**, and all **uncleanness**, or **covetousness**, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;⁴ Neither **filthiness**, nor **foolish talking**, nor **jesting**, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.⁵ For this ye know, that no **whoremonger**, nor **unclean person**, nor **covetous man**, who is an **idolater**, **hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.**⁶ Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

Romans 1:28-32 tells us:²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;²⁹ Being filled with all **unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,**³⁰ **Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,**³¹ **Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:**³² Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Revelation 21:8 says:⁸ But the **fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars**, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

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Now let's get back to our topic in this article.

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You may be thinking: I know that I have committed some of the sins. *Romans 3:10* says: as it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one: *Romans 3:23* says: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

But there is still hope!!!

Titus 1:2 says: In hope of eternal life which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; Jesus said in *John 3:3*: Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God and in *John 3:7*: Marvel not that I said under the, ye must be born again.

Remember the opening verses to this article which were *1 Corinthians 6:9-10*. Let's read on to verse 11: and such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but you are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Notice the word were. This word is in the past tense. This means that these people have been forgiven of their sins. *2 Corinthians 5:17* says: Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

How can someone be born again, washed, sanctified, justified, and made to be a new creature?

Ephesians 2:8-9 tells us: For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: ⁹Not of works, lest any man should boast. *John 3:16* says: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *Romans 6:23* says: For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

That's right! It is a gift!

How do I receive this gift, so that I can go to heaven? *Matthew 4:17* says: ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. The word repent means, "to change one's mind concerning past actions". In *Luke 13:3*, Jesus said: I tell you, nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. In *John 6:44* Jesus said: No man can come to me, except the father which has sent me draw him:

If you feel that God is drawing you to be saved and you know that you are a sinner, you can put your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, repent of your sin, and call on Jesus to be your **Lord and Saviour**.

Romans 10:9-14 says:

⁹That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. ¹²For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. ¹³For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. ¹⁴How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? *Romans 10:9-14*

How can I know that I have been saved?

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1 John 5:12-13 says: ¹²He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. ¹³These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.