



I CORINTHIANS 6:9-11

GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION IS A NECESSITY

INTRODUCTION

- The Canadian government approved a law condemning “Conversion Therapy” last year and it went into law January 8, 2022
- Passage of C 4 is a direct attack on Scripture and the authority of Jesus Christ
- We are exposed to regular announcements of sexual perversion
- What are we to do?

CONDEMNATION AWAITS THOSE WHO PRACTICE UNRIGHTEOUSNESS (6:9-10)

⁹ *Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?*

- “*unrighteous*” – those outside gospel grace in Jesus, are separated from the blessing and benefit of God in life and eternity
 - Who are those who will inherit the kingdom of God?
 - Only those who by faith in the atoning work of Jesus, have the righteous wrath of God against them appeased
 - It is those who know the gospel satisfaction of walking with Jesus is far superior to seeking the gratification of the flesh through worldly experiences
 - 2 Corinthians 5:20–21
 - 2 Peter 1:3–4
 - Gospel life causes followers of Jesus to value fellowship and satisfaction in Jesus more highly than godless sensual gratification
- “Do not be deceived”* – the temptation to believe something that isn’t true is a real threat
- It’s not loving to watch people who profess Jesus live in sin and not confront them
 - It’s not loving to watch unsaved people live in sin and not warn them

CONDEMNATION AWAITS THOSE WHO PRACTICE UNRIGHTEOUSNESS (6:9-10)

- Paul returns to a description of qualities that characterize “*unrighteous*” people

neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality,¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

- “*neither the sexually immoral*” – all sexual sin condemned in Scripture
- “*nor idolaters*” – any fixation that distracts from the Lordship of Jesus
- “*nor adulterers*” – married people who have sex with someone other than their marriage partner

CONDEMNATION AWAITS THOSE WHO PRACTICE UNRIGHTEOUSNESS (6:9-10)

“nor men who practice homosexuality”

- *“Nor effeminate, nor homosexuals,”* (NASB 95)
- *“nor effeminate”* – μαλακός (malakos) – *soft or effeminate*
- Men should look like the men God made them to be, and women should look like the women God made them to be
 - Genesis 1:27
- *nor homosexuals”* – ἀρσενικοίτης (arsenokoitēs) - male homosexuals, or one who takes the active male role in homosexual intercourse

CONDEMNATION AWAITS THOSE WHO PRACTICE UNRIGHTEOUSNESS (6:9-10)

- Followers of Jesus are to shun the sexual perversions of society and seek to conform to the commands and standards of Scripture
 - Leviticus 18:22
- Are masculine women and lesbianism okay?
 - Deuteronomy 22:5
- Dressing in a manner that crosses the line of your God-given gender identity is reprehensible to God and ought to be to us
- It is not Neanderthal, it is biblical
 - Romans 1:26–27
- Believers are to have gospel compassion for all, but sin is sin, and it is from sin that Jesus Christ sets us free

CONDEMNATION AWAITS THOSE WHO PRACTICE UNRIGHTEOUSNESS (6:9-10)

- “*nor thieves*” – people who rely on stealth to take property belonging to someone else
- “*nor greedy*” – the insatiable desire for more
- “*nor drunkards*” – consistently falling under the controlling influence of alcohol or drugs
 - Drinking is not sinful and using medications to help sickness is not sinful
 - Being controlled by an intoxicating product that opens you up to behavior that is ungodly is sinful
- “*nor revilers*” – people who spread negative and destructive opinions about others
 - Describes people arrogantly slandering people
 - Speaking to damage the credibility or reputation of another
 - James 3:9–10
- “*nor swindlers*” – deceiving others for financial or material gain
- Those who practice these types of sins are not to be considered followers of Jesus

THE GOSPEL UNSHACKLES ALL THOSE THE LORD SAVES (6:11)

11 And such were some of you.

- The gospel has the power to transform lives
 - We are delivered from sexual perversion to experience the beauty of fulfilling Christian marriage to the glory of God
 - We are delivered from all sinful bondage and united with Christ and His righteousness
 - Romans 6:17–18

THE GOSPEL UNSHACKLES ALL THOSE THE LORD SAVES (6:11)

- To keep us from getting puffed up by our present practices, Paul reminds all believers of our previous ways of life
 - Believers will not be characterized by sinful conduct
 - Persevering in the direction of righteousness characterizes all true followers of Jesus
 - Matthew 24:12–13
 - 1 Corinthians 1:7–8
 - Hebrews 3:12–14
 - Persevering indicates there are challenges to living a righteous life
 - As we persevere, there is no place for personal arrogance and pride

THE GOSPEL UNSHACKLES ALL THOSE THE LORD SAVES (6:11)

But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified...

- *Washed* – make pure, wash away
 - God's gospel grace in Jesus cleanses us from the filth of sinful selfishness
 - Titus 3:5
- *Sanctified* – dedicate; set apart for service and loyalty to God
 - God sets us apart from the world, the flesh, and the devil and keeps us close to Christ
- *Justified* – put right with, justify, vindicate, declare righteous
 - God's grace empowers us to live differently
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17

...in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

- This phrase reveals Paul's belief in the Trinity
 - 2 Corinthians 13:14
- Salvation involves the work of all three persons of the Godhead
- Transforming gospel grace glorifies the triune God!

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- Will you pray that God will protect the churches and pastors in Canada?
- Will you pray that God will use the gospel to transform the nation of Canada?
- How will you pray and work so that the gospel will transform your life and our nation?
- In what ways are you experiencing gospel grace that unshackles you from sin?
- How can you honor Christian marriage, help train godly offspring, and unite in protecting the honor of our Lord in and through His church?



I CORINTHIANS 6:9-11

GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION IS A NECESSITY