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Why We can Worship at the Table

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

1 Corinthians is addressed to the “saints.” In other words, to people who are believers in Jesus Christ. The problem is their actions undermine their proclamation. Paul writes the letter to remind them of who they are and what had to happen for them to be called saints. They had to be washed, sanctified, and justified by Jesus Christ. Those same actions are why believers can worship at the Lord’s table.

Additional Verses:

Exodus 40:9

John 5:22

1 Peter 1:14-15

Deuteronomy 7:6

Romans 5:1, 8:33

Revelation 1:5

Outline:

1. The filth of sin is removed.

2. The grip of sin is released.

3. The identity of sin is replaced.

Study Questions:

1. Why is the order of the actions of salvation listed not important to Paul’s argument? If order was important, in what order would you list them? Why?

2. What truth is being taught with the word “but” in front of each action?

3. What was the importance of the ceremonial washing laws in Judaism? How does being washed by Jesus exceed those ceremonial laws?

4. What are the implications of being released from the grip of sin? Where do you see this applied in your life?

5. Why is justified a legal term? What are the immediate and eternal consequences of being justified?

6. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?