

**TEXT:** 1 Corinthians 6:9-11.

**INTRODUCTION:**

Imagine a dirty plastic cup lying half buried in a nasty ditch. Would you drink from it? Would you make it the cup you regularly drink from? Would you store it in your china hutch along with your finest dishes?

Imagine someone shooting your child in cold blood and your child asking you right before he or she dies, "Forgive my killer." Would you forgive him? Would you give him a job? Would you treat him as if he was your own child and had never done anything wrong?

Luke 23:33-34A.

If we will believe and obey, God will do all these things for us.

**APPLICATIONS:**

1. **God will wash us.**

- A. Filth. 1 Corinthians 6:9-10.
- B. Titus 3:3-7; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21; "You'll never have a better night's sleep."

2. **God will sanctify us.**

- A. God doesn't just cleanse us. He sets us apart, sanctifies us, for very special purposes.
- B. 2 Timothy 2:20-21.
- C. We need to appreciate just how blessed we are to be used in the service of the King of kings and Lord of lords.

3. **God will glorify us.**

- A. Ephesians 5:25-27.
- B. Revelation 21:1-4, 9.
- C. Justified. *Declared* righteous. It's not that we are righteous, it's that God treats us as if we are righteous.
- D. What does it take to be treated as if we'd never sinned? Saving faith. Romans 4:9, 13.

4. **We can and must change.**

- A. 1 Corinthians 6:11, "Such were (past tense) some of you."
- B. To be washed, sanctified, and glorified, we must repent. Repentance is a change of heart that leads to a change of life.
- C. We can change.
- D. Consider Manasseh. He was an idolater. 2 Kings 21:3. He desecrated the temple. 2 Kings 21:4-5, 7. He burned his son as an offering to an idol. 2 Kings 21:6. He was a mass murderer. 2 Kings 21:16. Yet he, of all people, changed his ways. 2 Chronicles 33:12-13, 15-16.
- E. If Manasseh can change, so can we! Acts 17:30. God doesn't ask the impossible. If we want to change, we can change.
- F. If we want to be washed, sanctified, and glorified, we will change.

**CONCLUSION:**

- 1. The dirty plastic cup.
- 2. Manasseh.
- 3. What about us? Do we appreciate where we are without God? Do we appreciate what God wants to do for us? Are we going to let him? Let's get clean and stay clean, work for the Lord, and look forward to heaven.