

AND THAT...YOU WERE

1 Corinthians 6:7-11 The very fact that you have lawsuits among you means you have been completely defeated already. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated? ⁸ Instead, you yourselves cheat and do wrong, and you do this to your brothers.

⁹ Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders ¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. NIV

You were fundamentally sinners.

Implication: There has been a significant transition from what you “were” to what you “are.”

You were changed by God.

Your transformation was not from self-improvements.

Jesus and the Spirit are the sources of your change.

Some of the changes include being washed, sanctified, justified.

Psalms 51:7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. NIV

Isaiah 1:18 “Come now, let us reason together,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.” NIV

Hebrews 10:10 ...We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. NIV

Hebrews 10:14 ...By one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. NIV

Romans 3:28 For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law. NIV

Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. NIV

Now, you are fundamentally changed.

You still have your struggles.

But this is not who you are.

You should live according to the changes.