That's Not Who I Am Anymore

SERMON NOTES AND STUDY GUIDE

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 KJV
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Message Overview

Paul's words, "And such were some of you," declare that a person's past does not have the final word. Jesus Christ does more than give us a religious label: He washes, sanctifies, and justifies, and the Holy Ghost gives power for a changed life. This message calls us to tell the truth about sin without despair, receive Christ's deliverance without pride, and live our new identity everywhere - at church, at home, at work, and in private.

Key Scripture

> "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, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."
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Listen for this truth

Christ does not erase the facts of our story; He changes who has authority over our life. We can say, "I did it, but that is not who I am anymore," because His grace cleanses, claims, and transforms us.

Sermon notes

Five Key Points

1. Do not be deceived about sin

God is holy, and Scripture speaks plainly: unrighteousness is not compatible with His kingdom. Grace does not excuse bondage; it tells the truth so that we can turn to Christ. Every person needs repentance, and no one has grounds for self-righteousness.

Supporting Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Romans 3:23-24

2. Your past is not your identity

The phrase "such were some of you" honors the reality of the past without allowing it to define the present. We can own what we did and still testify, "That is not who I am anymore," because Christ gives a new beginning.

Supporting Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:11; 2 Corinthians 5:17

3. Salvation is God's transforming work

Believers are washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of Jesus and by the Spirit of God. Our standing rests in Christ, not personal merit, and His saving grace begins a life set apart for Him.

Supporting Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:11; Titus 3:4-7

4. We need power, not performance

Good preaching, music, service, and outward activity cannot substitute for inward transformation. The Holy Ghost leads, corrects, strengthens, and gives power to obey when no congregation is watching.

Supporting Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:5; John 16:13; Acts 1:8

5. A changed life becomes a witness

God calls His people to carry holiness beyond the sanctuary. A steady, transformed life can show someone trapped in bondage that freedom is possible and that Jesus still changes hearts.

Supporting Scripture: Matthew 5:14-16; Romans 6:17-18

Sermon emphasis

The evidence of power is not only what happens during worship. It is the Spirit-enabled obedience that follows us home and governs our speech, choices, relationships, and response to temptation.

Key-point notes

Practical Application

1. Name the old pattern honestly. Identify one attitude, habit, relationship, or private behavior that conflicts with your new life in Christ.
2. Bring it into the light. Confess it to God, repent, and seek wise pastoral or mature Christian support instead of managing it in secrecy.
3. Replace the old response. Choose a specific Scripture and a concrete act of obedience for the moment temptation, anger, fear, or pressure appears.
4. Practice holiness everywhere. Ask whether your words, choices, media, money, and relationships look the same at home and at work as they do in church.
5. Let the Spirit correct you. Respond quickly when the Holy Ghost prompts you to be quiet, apologize, forgive, make restitution, or walk away.
6. Share your testimony humbly. Tell someone what Christ has changed without looking down on where that person is today.

Personal Reflection

- What part of my past am I still allowing to name me?
- Where do I display a form of godliness without depending on God's power?
- What specific evidence of Christ's transforming work can others see in me?
- What is the Holy Ghost asking me to stop, start, confess, or repair this week?

My next faithful step

Discussion Guide

For Families

Use simple, age-appropriate language. Emphasize that Jesus offers forgiveness, a new beginning, and help to make right choices.

1. What does "such were some of you" teach us about second chances?
2. How can we tell the truth about wrong choices while still showing love and hope?
3. Where is it hardest for our family to live the same faith we express at church?
4. What is one habit our household can practice this week to help us obey God?

For Small Groups

1. How do washing, sanctification, and justification help us understand what God has done for us?
2. Why is religious activity unable to replace the Spirit's transforming power?
3. What is the difference between struggling against sin and making peace with sin?
4. How can a small group provide accountability without shame, gossip, or self-righteousness?
5. Where does our community most need to see credible examples of changed lives?

Close together

Invite prayer requests without pressuring anyone to disclose details. Pray for repentance, healing, wise boundaries, accountability, and the Spirit's power to live differently.

Group notes

Continue the Study

Day 1 | A new identity

Read: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Respond: Underline "were," "washed," "sanctified," and "justified." Thank God for what He has changed and ask Him to expose anything you are excusing.

Day 2 | Dead to sin, alive to God

Read: Romans 6:1-14 Respond: List what this passage says is true of a believer. Choose one command to practice today.

Day 3 | Saved by mercy

Read: Titus 3:3-7 Respond: Compare who we once were with what God did. Pray for humility and confidence in His grace.

Day 4 | A new creature

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Respond: Write one old label you must release and one truth about your life in Christ that replaces it.

Day 5 | Walk in the Spirit

Read: Galatians 5:16-25 Respond: Ask which work of the flesh must be resisted and which fruit of the Spirit should become more visible this week.

Key Takeaway

The gospel does not merely rename us. In Jesus Christ, we are washed, sanctified, justified, and empowered to live a changed life.

This Week's Challenge

Choose one old pattern that no longer agrees with who you are in Christ. Pair it with one KJV Scripture, one practical boundary, and one trusted person who can pray with you and ask about your progress.

Closing Prayer

> Lord Jesus, thank You that my past does not have the final word. Wash me, set me apart, and help me rest in the righteousness You provide. Fill me with the Holy Ghost and give me power to obey You when no one is watching. Show me what I must confess, leave, repair, and replace. Make my life a humble witness that You still set captives free. In Jesus' name, amen.

Study notes