

SPIRITUAL INHERITANCE

Request: Based on last week's lesson, there seemed to be some confusion regarding the phrase - **“those who practice** (prasso / **hoi** p.a.ptc nplm) [state of reversionism] **such things** (ta toioutos) **shall not** (ouk) **inherit** (kleronomeo / f.a.ind.3pl) **kingdom of God** (basileia theos).”

Galatians 5 is important to this discussion. Therefore let me give a brief outline of the theme of freedom of this chapter.

Gal.5:1-12	Freedom	Warning	Set free
Gal.5:13-15	Freedom	Warning	Called
Gal.5:16-26	Freedom	Warning	Holy Spirit

**The subject of today's lesson comes from the third section (Gal.5:16-26).
We will study five aspects of the Spiritual inheritance of every Church Age Believer.**

1. Some Bible scholars assume that because a similar terminology is used in 1 Cor.6:9-11, it can be applied to our lesson text.

However, the subject of **1 Cor.6:9-11** is the unrighteous (unsaved) who have been washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God (Eph.5:1-8).

While in **Gal.5:16-26**, the subject is the works of the Old Sin Nature (OSN) rather than the fruit of the indwelling Holy Spirit of the righteous (saved) (Eph.4:30; 1 Thess.5:19).

2. In Gal.5:19-21, a list of 15 sinful behaviors that are given as a sample of “things like these” and not a completed list.

These are cultural types of sin that corrupt a nation from within (Heathenism).

The human solution would be to “just say no” or change the culture mores (1 Cor.15:50).

The divine solution **begins** with grace salvation by means of the gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9; 3:6).

Then maintain a spiritual walk with God by means of the indwelling Holy Spirit (1 Cor.6:19-20; Gal.5:16; 1 John 1:5, 9) and by means of the faith cycle (2 Cor.5:7; Col.2:6-7).

3. Sometimes cultural behavior sins are difficult to get rid of like addictive sins because of OMCD thinking (Eph.4:22-24; Rom.12:2) [conform verses transform].

The battle of lies of the Angelic Conflict (A/C) is part of false beliefs.
(John 8:44; Matt.16:21-23; Acts 11:5-17; Gal.2:11-21) [Peter].

The point is that the battle with your “belief system” may be ascetic, lascivious, moral, immoral, or amoral (Heb.12:5-11; 1 John 1:9).

4. My point - Do not get distracted from the package of grace salvation because of sinful behavior in the Christian Way of Life (CWL) (Titus 3:5-7; Rom.4:13-15).

In the package of “50 things,” there is a section entitled, Status Privileges of Royal Family. Twenty status privileges are listed that every CAB receives in grace salvation and can NEVER lose in time or eternity.

These twenty status privileges are based on the Doctrine of Positional Truth (2 Cor.5:17; Gal.3:26-29).

Two of these twenty Status Privileges are **joint-heir and inheritance** (James 2:5).

We are joint-heir with Jesus Christ. He is The Heir and the saved are joint-heirs with Him

(Heb.1:2) “In these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He **appointed heir of all things**, through whom also He made the world.”

(Rom.8:16-17) “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, **heirs** also, heirs of God and **fellow heirs with Christ**, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.” (Gal.4:4-7)

5. If an heir of Christ, then we have an eternal inheritance as promised, based on the Doctrine of Positional Truth.

(Heb.9:15) “And for this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, in order that since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the **eternal inheritance**.”

The guarantee of our **inheritance** is part of the sealing and earnest ministry of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

(Eph.1:13-14) “In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation – having also believed, you were **sealed** in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, **who is given as a pledge our inheritance**, with a view to the redemption of God’s own possession, to the praise of His glory.” (John 14:16)

(1Pet.1:3-4) “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be **born again** to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an **inheritance** which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.” (Eph.1:18)