



PUTTING YOUR FOOT DOWN ON IMMORALITY!

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GALATIANS 5:19-21 NKJV – (19) Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, **(20)** idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, **(21)** envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things ***will not inherit*** the kingdom of God.

Paul is not saying here that anyone who commits any of these sins at any time is not in Christ. Christians still sin sometimes. We don't always win the battle with ourselves to let the Holy Spirit lead in our decisions. That, of course, is part of Paul's point—these are sins Christians need to purposefully avoid, and not fall back into by ignoring the power of the Holy Spirit.

Paul does warn the Galatians—and, by extension, all believers—that someone who indulges in these kinds of sins **as an ongoing lifestyle without ever turning back—without repenting, or changing course**—is not "in Christ."

In other words, there is a marked difference between those who slip into sin, as opposed to those who perpetually hang loose in it. Those who are in Christ **begin** to give the Holy Spirit control and turn away from sin, and those in Christ will definitely inherit the kingdom of God along with Jesus.

SCRIPTURE: 1 CORINTHIANS 6:18

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Immorality is the word we use to describe people that are not sinning the same way we are."