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Right Now Counts Forever!
Shall Not Inherit the kingdom of God

Introduction

Paul is educating and exhorting the believers in the Galatian churches about the need to walk in the Spirit. He is contrasting this desired goal with the Spirit with the death that the flesh will produce if they walk according to its desires. The consequences will be devastating! 5:21b

Context

The Church, Believers

Continuity

Vice / Virtue List to the church

Gal 5, Eph 5, I Cor 6. ...shall not inherit the kingdom of God

Conundrum. **What** is Paul talking about and **Who** is he talks about it to?

Paul has talked of this before as :21 indicates. (Acts 13:43,14:22?)

Paul often repeated himself about correct conduct (I Thess 3:4,4:1,6, Philp 4:9, 2 Thess 2:15,3:6)

Consideration

In order to fully validate a view, you must understand all sides of all views:

Rival Interpretations:

Define & Describe

Defense & Defenders

Deficiency & Dangers

The **Conflict** of the Flesh and the Spirit 5:16-23

a. The Conflict of the Flesh and Spirit :16-18

b. The Characteristics of the Works of the Flesh and the Fruit of the Spirit 5:19-23

- The Work of the Flesh :19-21

* 5 Categories of Vice

* 1 Consequence of the Vice

“Shall not inherit the kingdom of God” Eph. 5:5, I Cor. 6, Gal.5

Remember the context of Galatians; Judaizers- legalists. Paul’s vice /virtue list defends himself against the charge of teaching freedom in Christ results in sinful lifestyle- a change that the legalists might have made about Paul and the Galatian church following his leadership.

Notice the similarity to the statement and context in Eph 5:5ff*

Notice the terms used in this topic

What do we mean by “Kingdom”?

What do we mean by” inherit”?

Options

1. Loss of Salvation View. Arminian. (Hell)
Actual Christians who sin too much lose their eternal life and go to Hell for all eternity
2. Never had Salvation View. Calvinist (Hell)
The people who sin too much prove they were never saved to begin with and hence go to Hell for ever.
3. Carnal Christian View. (Heaven)
These Christians are walking in carnality which makes no sense since they were redeemed from sin. But they will go to Heaven. (See I Cor 6 “such were some of you”)
4. Reward View. (Heaven)
These Christians who are sinning in the flesh will go to heaven but forfeit the reward of the inheritance. Eternal Security vs Eternal Significance

This is not the Loss of Fellowship view in the present (R.T. Kendal)

This is not the Kingdom Exclusion view in the future (Robert Govett, J. Faust)

Conclusion

ETHICS ARE CONNECTED TO ESCHATOLOGY

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Walk in the Spirit now

for if you walk in the flesh

the consequences could be devastating then!

All adjudication of the life of the believer will be at the evaluation of the Bema Seat of Christ
I Cor. 3,4, 9:24-27, 2 Cor. 5:9-10, Rm. 14:10, I John 2:28, I Peter 1:17, Eccl. 12:13