

## Immoral Christians?

The Eternal Security (do not confuse with eternal salvation) proponents use 1 Cor. 5:5 as one of their strongest arguments to prove that once saved, always saved. The verse reads, "To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit **may be saved** in the day of the Lord Jesus."

1 Cor. 5:5 speaks of a man committing sexual sin that not even the pagans were guilty of doing, but yet the eternal security advocates will say this man was saved, that this Christian, who was committing sexual sin, not even named among the pagans, was bound for heaven!

There are some facts about this man when we read God's word in context and believe what it says.

1. 1 Cor. 5:5 shows this man was without salvation. The Christians were to kick him out from being among them (v. 13) and hand him over to Satan (v. 5) so that his spirit "**may be saved.**" So he was not in a saved condition at the moment.

2. "May be saved" does **not** mean this fornicator was saved now. Paul used this same phrase a few chapters later (1 Cor. 10:33) and it is clear what he meant. "Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they **may be saved.**"

How is that any different from 1 Cor. 5:5? This man was sexually immoral, and according to the Bible, all sexually immoral people are on their way to Hell, which is totally opposite what the eternal security teachers would have us believe.

3. In 1 Cor. 5:13, the Bible calls this man who was committing sexual sin, "**wicked.**" This same word can be

found in Matt. 13:49-50 where Jesus tells us the destiny of the "**wicked**".

4. The Bible has a name for all people who commit sexual sin. They are called, "**fornicators**," who will be excluded from God's kingdom. "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." -1 Cor. 6:9-10

Paul warned us **not to be deceived!** The man in 1 Cor. 5:5 was a fornicator. It is clear what the word of God says about fornicators, and that is a man who needs to be saved!

Now we need to look at what the eternal security advocates are actually promoting by saying this man was saved. It reveals just what kind of message they are sending out to get a Christian off their spiritual guard. Really think about this. They would have us believe that **one could be just as vile and worst than the pagans** and still have salvation. Imagine that!

I heard a preacher say that once someone is in the body of Christ, they can never lose their salvation because that would make Christ mutilate his own body. But yet Christians who once had a "*moment*" of true saving faith, who goes back to living a life of sin, Christ will keep those vile wicked sinners in his body? Actually, Christ will vomit them out of his mouth! (Rev. 3:16)

You say he will only *lose some rewards because of his vile sins*? Where is that in Scripture? Folks, the ultimate reward for a Christian is to be with Christ for all eternity, and he's going to worry about losing "some rewards"? This kind of thinking will simply allow him to be off his guard thinking he's heaven bound.

According to Scriptures, sin can defile (Heb. 12:15), corrupt (James 3:6), contaminated (James 1:27), soil our spiritual clothing (Rev. 3:4), enslave us again (2 Peter 2:20,21), and make a person unclean (Matt. 15:19,20; Mark 7:21-23). To leave such a sinner in the body of Christ would also defile Jesus, and Jesus will allow that? The same sins that will keep the unsaved from God's kingdom are the same sins that will let a Christian in the kingdom? This is their version of grace. It's perverted and twisted.

Paul taught the message of true grace.

"For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God." -Eph. 5:5-6

Jesus said in Matt. 5:8, "**Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.**" Again, sin can make a person defiled and bring a righteous man to spiritual death (Luke 15:24,32), which is what Paul wrote could happen to any Christian who lives according to the flesh (Rom. 8:13; Gal. 5:19-21; 6:8). See also James 1:14-15.

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