

# Ephesians Series

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**Can Our Inheritance be Lost?**  
**Ephesians 5:3–5;**  
**cf., 1 Corinthians 6:9–11; Galatians 5:19–21**



# EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK  
& WARFARE  
OF THE BELIEVER



## Review:

Eph. 4:25, Therefore, having already put off the LIE,

### Positive

Speak the truth with your neighbor, Eph. 4:15b

### Positive

Be angry, Eph. 4:26a

### Negative

Don't sin, don't let the sun go down on your wrath, don't give place to the devil

Eph. 4:26b–27

Do not steal no longer, Eph. 4:28a

### Positive

Work with what is good to have something to give to those with need, that he may have something to give him who has need. Eph. 4:28b

### Negative

Do not speak in terms of the corruption of the LIE, Eph. 4:29a

### Positive

Speak gracious words of edification, Eph. 4:29b

### Negative

**Don't grieve the Holy Spirit, Eph. 4:30a**

**Get rid of all content of your speech that is from the sin nature, and motivated by mental attitude sins.**

### Positive

**Be kind to one another, forgive one another as Christ forgave you, Eph. 4:32**

**Imitate God, Eph. 5:1**

**A NEW WALK COMMAND, EPH. 5:2**

### Positive

**Walk in love imitating Christ's love demonstrated by dying as our substitute on the Cross.**

### Negative

**Do not have your values, actions, and conversations characterized by the sinful values, actions, and conversations of those controlled by their sin natures. Eph. 5:3, 4**

**WARNING: Those believers characterized by these values, actions, and conversations will not have an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.**

## **Key Questions:**

- 1. Why are these particular sins mentioned? How do they relate to those mentioned in Eph. 4:25 and following?**
- 2. Further, how does this relate to the following sections down to Eph. 5:18? Notice a continued contrast between one way of life and conduct (darkness, light; foolish, wise; spirituality by drunkenness, spirituality through the filling by the Spirit).**
- 3. What does it mean to not have an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God?**

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***ἀκαθαρσία akatharsia* fem sing nom uncleanness, impurity**



**Eph. 4:19, “who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to practice all uncleanness (*akatharsia*) with greediness.”**

**ἀσέλγεια *aselgeia* fem sing dat  
sensuality; Thayer: unbridled lust, excess,  
licentiousness, lasciviousness, wantonness,  
outrageousness, shamelessness, insolence**







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**Gal. 5:19, “Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,**

**Gal. 5:20, “idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,**

**Gal. 5:21, “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.” [NKJV]**



**1 Cor. 6:9, “Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,**

**1 Cor. 6:10, “nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.”**

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# **What the Bible Teaches About Inheritance in Ephesians**





# **1. Ephesians 1:3–14**

**1:3–6 blessings from the Father**

**1:7–12 blessings from the Son**

**1:12–14 blessings from the Spirit**

**Eph. 1:3, “Blessed be the God and Father of **our** Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed **us** with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,**

**Eph. 1:4, “just as He chose **us** in Him before the foundation of the world, that **we** should be holy and without blame before Him in love,**

**Eph. 1:5, “having predestined **us** to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,**

**Eph. 1:6, “to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made **us** accepted in the Beloved.”**

**Eph. 1:12, “that **we** who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.”**



**Eph. 1:7, “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace**

**Eph. 1:8, “which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence,**

**Eph. 1:9, “having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,**

**Eph. 1:10, “that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.**

**Eph. 1:11, “In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,**

**Eph. 1:12, “that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.”**

**Eph. 1:13, “In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,**

**Eph. 1:14, “who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.”**



**Eph. 1:12, “that **we** who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.”**

**Eph. 2:11, “Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—”**

**Eph. 2:14, “For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,**

**Eph. 2:15, “having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,”**



**1 Pet. 1:3, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

**1 Pet. 1:4, “to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,**

**1 Pet. 1:5, “who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”**