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The Epistle to the ROMANS

**Inheriting the Kingdom
Romans 8:13–17; 1 Corinthians 6:9–12**



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,”

“Unrighteous Bible” (KJV, 1653; Cambridge Press):

1 Corinthians 6:9 lacks the word “not” and reads “Know ye not that the unrighteous shall inherit the kingdom of God?”

10. The problem:

Some passages speak of inheritance as a *gift*, but others speak of it as a reward.

A gift is free.

A reward is earned.

Eph. 5:5, “For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.”

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.”

Col. 3:24, “knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.”

11. Conclusion. There are two categories of inheritance:

Inherit the kingdom, Eph. 5:5; 1 Cor. 6:9–10

Inherit salvation, Heb. 1:14

**Rom. 8:17, “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.”**

12. Just as Christ inherits the kingdom (Ps. 2:8–9) due to His loyalty to God the Father (Heb. 1:8–9 quoting Ps. 45:6–7) so will the joint heirs with Christ.

Heb. 1:8, “But to the Son He says: ‘Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.’ ”

Heb. 1:9, “ ‘You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions.’ ”

13. Difference between *living* and *reigning* with Christ is found in 2 Tim. 2.

**Dying with Christ = Baptism of the Holy Spirit;
Reigning is based on endurance.**

2 Tim. 2:11, “It is a trustworthy statement: For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him;

2 Tim. 2:12, “If we endure, we shall also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us;

2 Tim. 2:13, “If we are faithless, He remains faithful; for He cannot deny Himself.”

14. Thus the kingdom has been promised to those who love God and not all believers love God. Love for God is expressed through obedience to God (John 14:21–24).

15. Illustration: Esau

Heb. 12:16, “that there be no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal.

Heb. 12:17, “For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.”

Gen. 27:38, “And Esau said to his father, ‘Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father.’ So Esau lifted his voice and wept.

Gen. 27:39, “Then Isaac his father answered and said to him, ‘Behold, away from the fertility of the earth shall be your dwelling, and away from the dew of heaven from above.

Gen. 27:40, “ ‘And by your sword you shall live, and your brother you shall serve; But it shall come about when you become restless, that you shall break his yoke from your neck.’ ”

*****Esau loses inheritance blessing, but not his position as Isaac's son.**

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

1 Cor. 6:11, “And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.”

1 Cor. 6:1, “Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints?”

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Adjective

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Thayer: 1. unjust, 2. unrighteous or sinful, 3. deceitful.

BAGD: unjust, dishonest or untrustworthy.

Abbott-Smith: 1. unjust, 2. unrighteous or wicked.

adikos = unjust, unrighteous

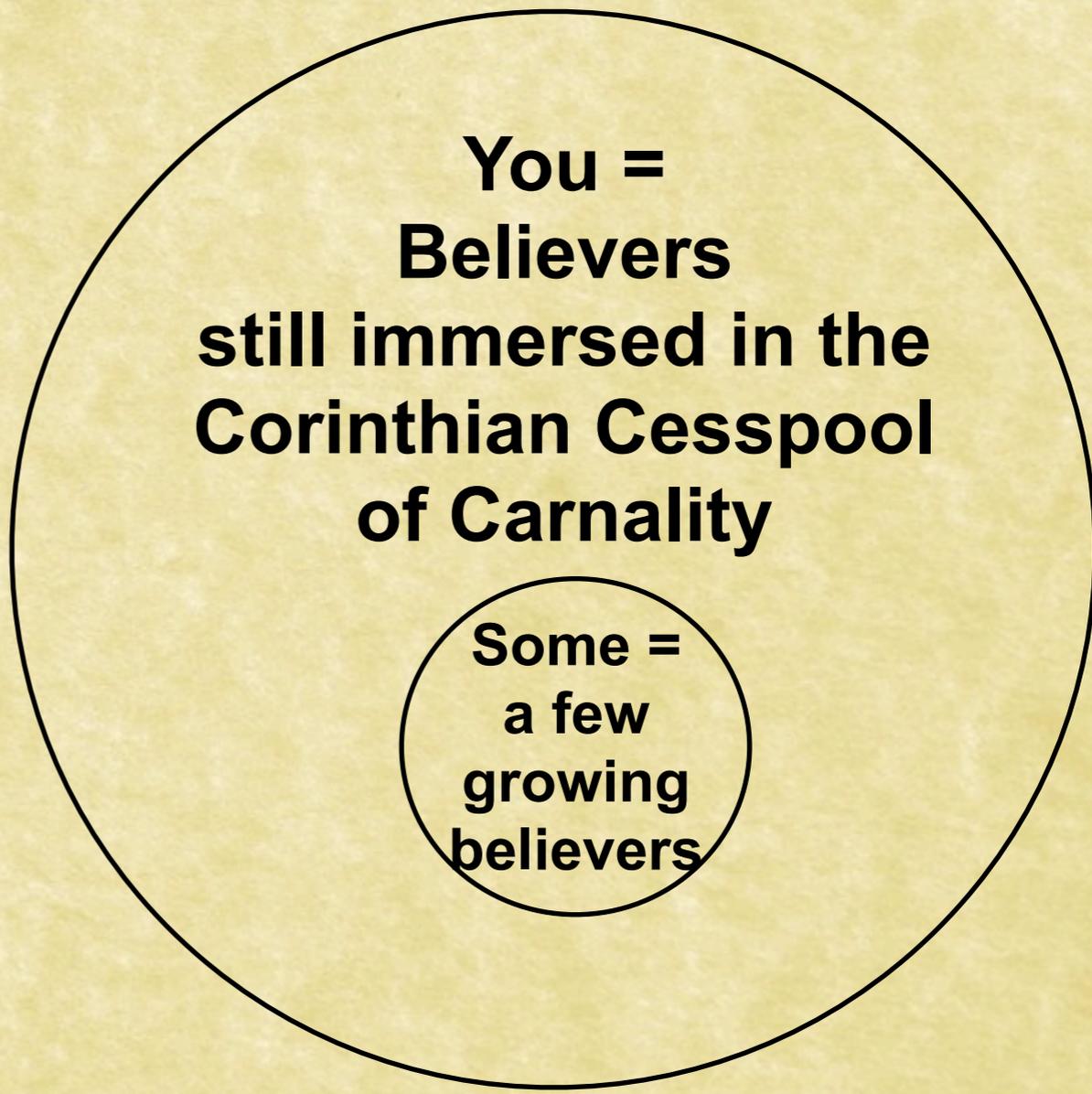
**This can be
an unrighteous unbeliever
or
an unrighteous believer**

1 Cor. 6:8, “No, you yourselves do wrong and cheat, and you do these things to your brethren!

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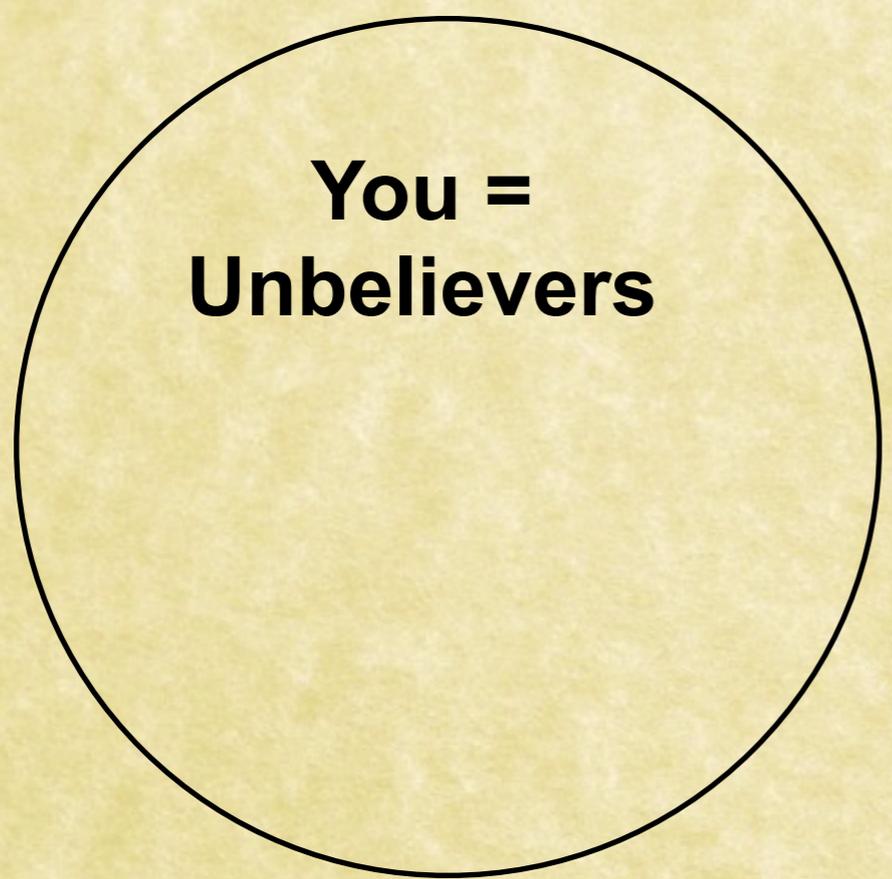
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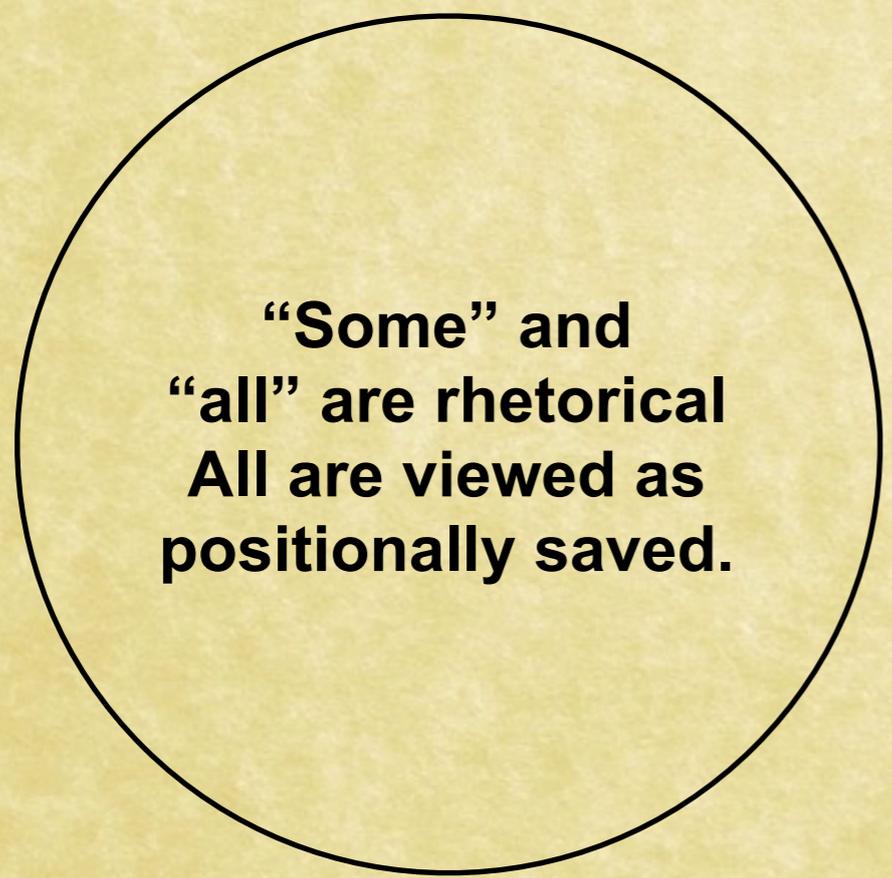
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