

“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?”
(1 Cor. 6:9)

What is the meaning of “kingdom of God?” The definition commonly given is that it is the rule or reign of God in the hearts and lives of human beings. This concept means that the rule is on earth here and now. For practical purposes, the blessings of God are for the redeemed here on earth now. It is righteousness, or right living.

However, the definition used in 1 Corinthians seems to have some variations, for Paul seems to refer to the new Jerusalem and not the present. He is referring to the reign of God when there will be no night, no sin, no curses, and no pain.

What is the meaning of “inherit”? The literal meaning of the word is “to receive; to take or hold a possession or rights by inheritance.” It is to take possession by receiving. To inherit God’s kingdom, one must be made a child of God, and he or she will then become an heir.

Our Scripture reading lists a number of things that keep one from inheriting the kingdom (1 Cor. 6:9-10). Then we find how one can be free of all these and inherit the kingdom (v 11). Go to God to make sure you are washed, sanctified, and justified.

Give the glory to God.