

## Second Death — the Price

The greedy person wants what he wants more than he wants to be friends with YAHSHUA (Jn 15:14; Eph 5:5). This greedy brother or sister or this immoral brother or sister puts things ahead of his friendship with the Master, therefore he is an idolater. He has no inheritance in the Kingdom. He will be excluded from the Kingdom. 1 Cor 6:9 is the second death in Rev 20:14. Eph 5:5 is the second death in Rev 20:6; 2:11. In the case that these brothers or sisters continue to practice such things, they will be excluded from the Kingdom reign of Messiah. That is if they were truly washed, sanctified, justified as verse 11 says, their names would be recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life and they would be sealed with the Spirit. But if they were washed, sanctified and justified, they would be freed from these impulses and desires (Gal 5:24; Jn 8:31,51).

It takes a good conscience to declare the excellencies of the King — a holy people, a people belonging to God. Idolaters cannot give thanks or praise His Name. Neither can the greedy or immoral. That is why they will have no inheritance in His kingdom.

What would a person trade for the kingdom? What would a person exchange for his own soul's salvation? (Jms 1:21; 1 Pet 2:11). What would a person pay for a little immorality (a little impurity) and for greed now and then — all of which are improper for God's holy people (Eph 5:1-17).

1 Cor 10:6,7,11; Rom 15:4—written down for those, whoever is the fulfillment of the scriptures.

The theme continues as to the way of life that pleases our Master and the way of life that invokes the wrath of God:

Eph 5:15 — contrast between wise living and foolishness

Eph 5:16 — opportunities for His glory

Eph 5:17 — the contrast continues; the foolish person *misses opportunities* that God even ordained to help outsiders (Mt 5:14-16).

God's people are not passive! So who is God's people? God's people can declare His praises. They have lips that praise His name. Heb 13:15 — If we do not continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise — the fruit of the lips that confess his name, then, you need to look for another people because we are not them; we are headed to the second death, one or the other.