

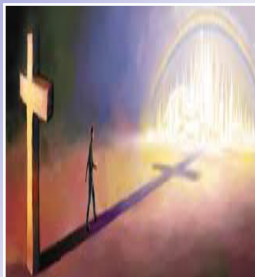


Build on the Rock

Doctrinal Lesson
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Lesson 5:

"Sanctification and Victory over Sin"



You learned in the previous lesson the first step for sinful man to be prepared for heaven - Justification. You are instantaneously justified when you believe in Jesus and confess your sins, but the second stage, **SANCTIFICATION**, is quite different. Many church folk only experience the first stage of the salvation process, but fail to experience the second stage. What is **SANCTIFICATION** and is it really possible to have victory over sin? Complete this lesson with the King James Bible and find out!

1) What is God's divine will for sinful humanity? -John 17:19

1 - God's will is that we "be san__ti__ied through the Tr__ __h."

*Note: The word "sanctification" means purification and to be made holy. After we come to Christ and are justified from our past sins through faith in Jesus' blood, we must be purified from our sinful habits and passions. Sanctification is the transformation and development of character that will prepare you for heaven. Justification deals with sins you already committed, while Sanctification deals with overcoming sins in the present and future.

2) What 2 things does one need in order to experience the process of **SANCTIFICATION**? -John 17:17, 2 Thessalonians 2:13

1 - We need the "Tr__ __h."

2 - We need the "Spi__it."

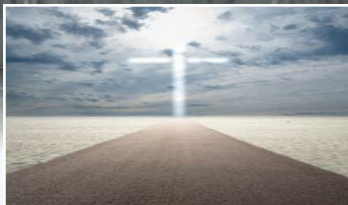


God's Word Sanctifies!

*Note: In order to experience sanctification, man needs a knowledge of God's Word, which contains the steps to being saved and the moral guidelines of right and wrong. The moral principles in the Bible will mold and refine your conscience so that it is more sensitive to evil, which will build up your character to a higher standard. Man also needs the power of the Holy Spirit to change the sinful heart of man. Attempting to follow God's Word without the help of the Holy Spirit will result in an overwhelming struggle that will lead to disappointment and failure. The Holy Spirit will **NOT** only give you strength to resist sin, but He also will take away the desire and craving for sin!

3) What is the ultimate goal of the process of sanctification? -Matthew 5:48, Ephesians 4:11-13

1 - The ultimate goal of sanctification is "pefecion" of character.



*Note: The ultimate goal and purpose of sanctification is to restore sinful humanity to the sinless and perfect character of Adam and Eve before the fall of man. Jesus was a perfect living example of how sinful man can overcome temptation and the flesh.

4) Did Paul claim to have reached perfection? What does Paul say that tells us PERFECTION and sanctification is a process of a lifetime? -Philippians 3:12-15

A) Paul did not claim to reach perfection, but pressed toward the mark of perfection.

B) Paul did reach perfection and did not need to strive to grow any more in Jesus.

*Explanation: Notice that Paul did NOT claim to have reached perfection, but he pressed forward to reach the mark of perfection. Notice also that Paul spoke of both the justification and the sanctification process in these texts. He forgot those sins that he confessed to Christ, instead of allowing his past sins to discourage him. He also reached forth for things that were before him - a new sanctified life in Christ. Paul didn't teach that we should claim to reach a point in our lives when we are beyond correction, but, instead, perfection is a PROCESS of a lifetime. God continues to reveal to us our imperfections when we aren't thinking or doing according to His perfect will.

5) What fruits of character does Jesus want to develop in us through the sanctification experience? -Galatians 5:22-24

1 - "Love, justice, peace, longsufering, gentleness, godness, faith, mediciness, and temperance."

6) What did Jesus say the Father does to us when we don't bring forth fruit? What does He do when we bring forth fruit? -John 15:2

1 - Any branch that "bringeth not fruit, he theweth away."

2 - He "purgeth us" so that we can "bring forth more fruit."

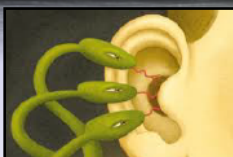


*Note: The word "purge" means to prune or to cleanse. Jesus is happy when He sees us bearing fruits of righteousness and good works, but He doesn't want us to stop there. God continues to cut off the old dead leaves and branches in our lives so the we can bring forth even more fruit.

***Note: Many professed Christians DO NOT allow God to bring forth more fruit in their lives because.....**



...they are in love with certain sins.



...they have itching ears to hear smooth teachings that don't encourage continual spiritual growth.



...they are self-righteous & feel they have already arrived.



...they compare their lives with others instead of Jesus.

7) What causes many pastors to NOT teach the doctrine of True Sanctification? -Isaiah 30:9, 10; 2 Timothy 4:3, 4

1 - Many church folk want their pastors to "prophecy de__its" because they have "itching e__rs."



***Note: The Bible forewarns that the time would come when many church goes would NOT endure hearing the Truth about sanctification. What makes sanctification an unpopular doctrine with many? Sanctification is a life of continual growth and change, requiring us to step out of our comfort zones and deny self of what we want at times. Though the pruning process of sanctification can be unpleasant, it is what we need to develop a righteous character and find true peace. Instead of preaching about true sanctification, many pastors teach prosperity sermons, "Once saved, always saved", love sermons and sermons that don't call sin by it's name.**

8) Can we live in sin and be holy (sanctified) at the same time?

-Romans 6:16-18. No, we are either "ser__ants" of sin or servants of "righ__eou__ness."

9) When we are tempted to commit a sin, what should we do if we want to be servants of righteousness? -Matthew 4:3-10, James 4:7, 8.

1 - Every time Jesus was tempted, He rebuked the Devil with "It is wr__tt__n." Therefore, we must rebuke the Devil with the Word.

2 - "Su__mi__" your will to God and "re__ist the Devil and he will flee."

***Explanation: If we fall into sin when tempted, we slow down and hinder the sanctification process. We CANNOT be holy while living in sin because sanctification**

..... is the process of man being purified from sin. Notice that when Jesus was bombarded with temptation, He responded to each temptation with the Word of God. Jesus did this because there is **POWER** in the Word of God not only to give us strength, but to make Satan flee. Notice also that Jesus did **NOT** reason with or carry on a conversation with Satan, but strongly rebuked Him with the Word.

10) Instead of Eve rebuking Satan with the Word of God like Jesus did, what foolish mistake did Eve make? -Genesis 3:1-6

1 - Eve listened to Satan's 2 lies: "ye shall not surely d__e" and "ye shall be as g__ds."



***Explanation:** The biggest mistake that Eve made was to listen to Satan's reasoning instead of firmly rebuking Satan with the Word! Opening her mind to his crafty suggestion caused her to disobey God's command to not eat of the forbidden fruit.

11) What did Christ have memorized in His mind that helped Him overcome Satan's temptations? What did Jesus do early in the mornings that also helped Him overcome? -Psalms 119:11, Mark 1:35.
1 - Jesus "hid the W__rd" in His heart that he "might not s__n."
2 - Jesus arose "a great while before d__y" and "pr__yed" to His Father.

12) How do our health habits affect the process of sanctification? -1 Corinthians 3:16, 17, Daniel 1:8-15, 20

1 - If we "def__le" the body, God cannot dwell in us.
2 - Eating healthy will make us "ten times b__tter" in "wisdom and under__tanding."



***Explanation:** "A large proportion of all the infirmities that afflict the human family, are the results of their own wrong habits, because of their willing ignorance, or of their disregard of the light which God has given in relation to the laws of their being. It is not possible for us to glorify God while living in violation of the laws of life. The heart cannot possibly maintain consecration to God while lustful appetite is indulged. A diseased body and disordered intellect, because of continual indulgence in hurtful lust, make sanctification of the body and spirit impossible." -White, E.G. Counsels on Diets & Foods, pg. 44.

13) How does the Bible describe those who are successfully purified through the sanctification process & where is their name written? -Revelation 3:5.
1 - They are over comers whose names are in the "Bo__k of Li__e."

Appeal) Will you allow the Holy Spirit and Truth of God's Word to sanctify your life on a daily basis? ____.

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