

# **TWO GREAT DOCTRINES**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

This book is written as a Bible study guide for pastors. It contains 16 Bible studies for the pastor to give to his church on Bible study night each week.

In this book we study the two basic doctrines of salvation which are justification and sanctification. The Bible clearly teaches that we are justified by faith (Romans 5:1) and sanctified by faith (Acts 26:18). We are justified or saved by grace (Ephesians 2:8) and sanctified as a second work of grace (II Corinthians 1:14, 15).

Now we will give you Bible words and terms that mean the same as justification and sanctification.

### **Justification**

1. Justified
2. Converted
3. Saved
4. Believed

5. Born again
6. Born of the Spirit
7. New birth
8. Adopted
9. Regeneration

## **Sanctification**

1. Sanctified
2. Holiness
3. Christian perfection
4. Perfect love
5. Filled with the Spirit
6. Baptism of the Holy Spirit
7. Holy
8. Pure in heart
9. Sanctify

Pastor, you should have your people memorize these words and you should drill them on them each Bible study night. After a few nights you can choose sides and mix these words up and call a word and have the class tell you whether it means justification or sanctification. Ask one on one side, then one on the other. When one misses he or she is to sit down.

Pastor, be sure to study these words each Bible study. By studying these words your church will be able to understand what the Bible is speaking about when it uses these words.

We recommend that the pastor write the outline on the blackboard if possible and encourage those who can to copy it. Then we recommend that the pastor study the lesson thoroughly. You are at liberty to enlarge upon the lesson, but be sure to stay with the meaning of the lesson. You may desire to make two lessons out of one; that is, spend two Bible study nights on one lesson. If so, you are at liberty to do so.

Again we recommend that the pastor read these lessons over, look up the verses, and read each of them, so he will be well prepared to teach the lesson.

Be sure when you are teaching the lesson to have someone read each Bible verse that is given in the lesson. They are not written out because we feel it is good if the people read them.

This Bible study book should be taught again each year to your church. In doing this, it will make it clearer to the ones that have heard it before and it will make these Bible doctrines clear to the new ones that have come into the church.

Our heart's desire is that this Bible study guide will be a great help to you and your church.  
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## LESSON 9

# SANCTIFY—SANCTIFIED—SANCTIFICATION

### Outline

#### I. Definition

##### A. To sanctify

1. Set apart for a holy or religious purpose
2. To cleanse, purify or make holy

#### II. Sanctification is a second work of grace.

A. What kind of people was Paul speaking of in I Thess.4:3 when he said, “This is the will of God, even your sanctification”?

1. Saved people. I Thess. 1:3, 8; 3:10-13; 4:1

B. Why is sanctification called a second work of grace? II Cor. 1:14, 15

C. The people that Jesus prayed for were already saved or justified. John 17:14-17

#### III. How to get sanctified

A. I Thessalonians 5:16-24

B. Confess carnality. I John 1.9

C. Make full consecration. Romans 12:1

IV. The witness of the Spirit to the experience of sanctification. Hebrews 10:14-16

## Sanctify—Sanctified—Sanctification

### I. Definition

The word “sanctify” has two meanings. One meaning is “to set apart for a holy, sacred or religious use.” In this sense the word “sanctify” was used in the Old Testament. They sanctified the furniture of the tabernacle. Moses told the people to sanctify themselves. They were to wash their clothes and bathe themselves and come apart to meet God.

A second meaning is “to cleanse, purify or make holy.” In the New Testament where it speaks of the work of grace it carries this thought..It took the blood of Jesus to provide the sanctification that we enjoy (Hebrews 13:12). It did not take the blood of Jesus to set apart or consecrate to a religious use, but it does take the blood of Jesus to cleanse the heart from carnality, make us holy and purify our hearts.

In seeking sanctification we say, “Sanctify me, sanctify me.” When the work is done we are sanctified. When the Lord sanctifies us we receive the experience of sanctification.

### II. Sanctification is a second work of grace.

The reason sanctification is a second work of grace is because only those who are saved by

grace can be sanctified.

Let's study what kind of people the Bible is speaking of when it says, "This is the will of God, even your sanctification" (I Thessalonians 4:3).

First let's look at I Thessalonians 1:3. "Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father." First, we see their work of faith. Sinners do not have a work of faith. Second, we see their labor of love and we notice their hope in the Lord Jesus Christ. So you see that they were really Christians.

It was to these Christians that Paul said, "This is the will of God, even your sanctification." In I Thessalonians 1:8 the Bible says that from them the word of the Lord was sounded out, and in every place their faith to God-ward is spread abroad. You can see by this verse that they were not sinners, but that they had been saved by grace.

Of these same people Paul says that he was praying day and night that he might see their face and perfect that which was lacking in their faith (I Thessalonians 3:10). Then in I Thessalonians 3:13 he shows what is lacking in their faith. It is holiness or sanctification.

We read farther in I Thessalonians 4:1 where Paul calls them brethren. No group are brethren to a Christian unless they have been born again and made a part of the family of God. So you see that these were saved or born again Christians. Paul further exhorts them that as they had been taught of him how they ought to walk and please God they would abound more and more. Sinners do not walk and please God, so these people were not sinners. They had already been saved. Then Paul says to them, "This is the will of God, even your sanctification."

Why is sanctification called a second work of grace? Read II Corinthians 1:14, 15. In verse 14 it says "as also ye acknowledged us in part." What did Paul mean when he said that they had acknowledged them in part? He meant that they had been saved by grace (Ephesians 2:8) because they had believed the preaching of Paul; therefore they rejoiced in Paul and Silas. Furthermore, Paul and Silas rejoiced in them because they had really been saved from sin through grace.

This is why Paul says in verse 15, "In this confidence." What did he mean by this statement? He meant that he had confidence in them that they were saved. He was to come to them that they might have a second grace. That second grace is sanctification.

When we are saved we are saved by grace. This is done through a work of grace wrought in our heart by the Holy Spirit. After we are saved, we go on to sanctification, and sanctification is done through a work of grace wrought in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. This makes sanctification a second definite work of grace. Let's see what kind of people Jesus asked the Father to sanctify in His prayer in the 17th chapter of St. John (John 17:9, 14-17). In verse 9 Jesus says, "I pray for them: I pray not for the world." Every unsaved person is of the world, but when we get saved we are born again and become children of God and citizens of heaven.

Here Jesus was praying for this kind of people to be sanctified. Jesus declares in verse 14 that

they are no more of the world than He is of the world. Therefore, they could not have been sinners. He continued to pray for them and said that He did not want the Father to take them out of the world but He wanted Him to keep them from the evil of the world. Then He repeated the statement that they are not of the world. Then He prayed for the Father to sanctify them. Here in Jesus' prayer it is clear that the people whom He prayed the Father to sanctify were already saved by grace, so sanctification is a second work of grace. (Observe: He now prays this same prayer for today's unsanctified charismatic church..... Edit.)

### **III. How to get sanctified.**

There are two definite steps to be taken in getting this wonderful experience of sanctification.

The first step is taught in I John 1:9. In the first part of this verse it is speaking about being saved. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins."

Next, it speaks of cleansing from all unrighteousness. Sins are forgiven, but carnality is never forgiven; it must be cleansed out of our heart. (**Listen** O Charismatic church!- Edit.) Sins are not cleansed; they are forgiven and blotted out through the blood of Jesus.

It could be written like this: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and if we confess the unrighteous nature He is faithful and just to cleanse us from ALL unrighteousness (or carnality). What are the traits of carnality, or what must we confess? We must confess jealousy, envy, pride, selfishness, deceitfulness, rebellion and anger. As we confess we must believe Him to cleanse these things from our heart because He promised He would.

The next step is to make a full consecration (Romans 12:1,2). Before you can make that consecration you first must be born again, which makes you a part of the family of God; because Paul called them "brethren," and only saved people are brethren. Next you must be alive spiritually, "a living sacrifice." Only the born again are alive spiritually. Next, you must live holy before you can be sanctified. We have holiness of life when we are saved; we get holiness of heart when we get sanctified.

You must be holy in life before you are ready to get sanctified. If you have sin in your life you are not ready to get sanctified. You must pray for pardon of your sins. Then, when you know your sins are pardoned and you are free from sins, you can get sanctified.

This truth is strengthened by the word "acceptable." In the Old Testament when they brought a lamb or a cow for sacrifice the priest looked it all over and if there was a cut or a sore or a blind eye it was rejected and could not be used in sacrifice. These things represent sins and if you make your consecration and have sin in your life God will not sanctify you because the sacrifice is not acceptable. So you must be free from sin to get sanctified.

Then you must completely consecrate or give your life and your body to Christ for service. You must consecrate to obey God the rest of your life. You have given yourself to God, and you now belong to God just like a horse belongs to a man.

Verse 2 says, “And be not conformed to this world.” You must die to the world. When you die physically the things of this life do not interest you. In a spiritual sense you die in this way to the fashions and wanting to dress like the sinners dress. “But be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.” This is the experience of sanctification.

Notice it said, “Be transformed.” This transformation is not done by us, but the Holy Spirit comes in and cleanses out carnality that used to influence our mind and heart. And, the Holy Spirit comes in and makes our nature holy and thus our mind is influenced by a holy nature. We were transformed from a sinner to a Christian when we were saved. When we were saved we were made a new creature in Christ (II Corinthians 5:17). When we are sanctified we receive a second transformation through which the carnal nature is taken out and we are partakers of His divine nature (II Peter 1:4). Also before we are sanctified we have the image of fallen Adam on our heart, but when we get sanctified that image is transformed into the image of Christ. When we are not sanctified we have a carnal nature. When we get sanctified our nature is transformed into a holy nature. This is done through grace, so it is a second work of grace.

#### **IV. The witness of the Spirit to this experience of sanctification** (Hebrews 10:14-16).

In verse 14 the Bible declares that some are sanctified. This forever settles it that there is a possibility of our being sanctified. We will also read I Thessalonians 5:23, 24. In verse 24 the Bible says, “Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.” He will definitely sanctify you.

How are we to know when He sanctifies us? (Hebrews 10:15). This scripture tells us that the Holy Spirit will witness when this work of grace is done.

How does He witness? He witnesses in many ways, sometimes in great joy. One man said he felt the Holy Spirit come down on his head and go all through his body. One lady with both hands in the air said, “Clean, clean, clean.” She just felt clean. That was the witness of the Spirit. The writer felt the sanctifying power go through and through his body.

However the Spirit lets you know you are sanctified, that is the witness of the Spirit. But you can know. You must have a definite experience of sanctification in your heart.

Do not seek the witness. Seek a pure heart, seek sanctification and when you get sanctified the Holy Spirit will witness to you.

Another witness to the experience of sanctification is given in Hebrews 10:16. This means that our heart and mind are brought into perfect harmony with the Word of God.



## **LESSON 10 HOLINESS**

### **Outline**

- I. We are slaves.
  - A. If we are sinners, we are slaves to sin and the devil.
  - B. If we are righteous, we are slaves to righteousness and God.
  - C. There are only two masters: God and the devil.
    - 1. You choose which master you serve.
      - a. The devil pays the wages of death.
      - b. God offers you eternal life.

- II. A slave has no power to set himself free.
  - A. Illustration: U.S.A.—slave labor—Lincoln
  - B. Christ brings liberty to those enslaved by sin.
    - 1. You must come to Christ as the Bible teaches. Romans 6:17
  - C. Liberty. Romans 6:18

- III. Love slave illustration.
  - A. Holiness

- IV. The reward of holiness. Romans 6:22
  - A. Deliverance from sin (carnal nature)
  - B. Fruit unto holiness
  - C. End result—Heaven

- V. Heaven is a gift. Romans 6:23

## **Holiness**

### **I. We are slaves.**

It is impossible as long as we are in this life to be anything other than a slave. If we have sin in our life we are a slave to sin and the devil. If we are righteous, living free from sin, we are a slave to righteousness and to Christ.

If you are a slave to the devil you should consider what kind of master you are following. He does not love you. He only wants you to serve him to keep you from being a slave of Jesus. He hates Jesus. The devil is a liar, a thief, and a murderer (John 10:10). The devil will pay you with death.

(Pastor, use this illustration.) No one would work for me for the wages that the devil pays if I should ask you to work for me for 30 years, then tell you that you would not be paid until the end of the 30 years. I will give room, board, and clothes plus a little money for you to spend (the spending money would be sin's pleasures). I will work you very hard and very long hours. At the close of the 30 years I will tie you to a post and pile wood high around you and burn you to death. That will be your pay for 30 years' labor. You would say, "Oh no, I will not work for you."

If you have sin in your life, that is the wages the devil will pay you with, only you will burn eternally.

Now consider what kind of a master Jesus is and why we should serve Him. Christ is a Friend that is closer than a brother. He is altogether lovely. He gave His life for you and me that we might have a home in Heaven. He is not a hard master. Christ said, "My yoke is easy and my burden light" (Matt. 11:28-30).

The devil is a deceiver and he tempts men and women to sin. Then when they do sin they are taken captives of the devil and made a slave to him. If we ever become a slave of Jesus we have to choose Christ as our Saviour, Lord and Master.

## **II. A slave has no power to set himself free.**

If the slave's master does not choose to set him free he will live and die a slave unless someone else frees him from his master.

In the early years of the U.S. the Southern states used slave labor. There was a young man from the Northern U.S. that made a trip to the Southern states and saw the slave markets where men and women were sold like cattle. He said, "If I get to be the President, I will stop this terrible traffic in human beings." One day Mr. Lincoln was elected President of the U.S. and he declared that all slavery must end. The Southern states were ready to fight to keep the slaves, so Mr. Lincoln took the armies of the North and a war was fought through which the Southern states were conquered and the slaves set free.

In this way Christ came to earth. He saw the terrible slavery of sin. He died and arose from the grave a mighty Conqueror and as Mr. Lincoln declared the slaves could go free, Christ now declares that you can be set free from sin.

While Christ has died and made every provision for you to be free from sin, you must come to Christ as the Bible teaches (Romans 6:17). The Bible says, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." To repent you must confess your sins and ask forgiveness for them (I John 1:9). Then you must forsake sin and turn to Christ with all your heart (Isaiah 55:7). (Note: Pastor, You should mention many of the sins that they must turn away from. Tell them they must turn from all sins.) Pray until the Spirit witnesses to your heart that your sins are pardoned.

When Christ comes into your heart He sets you free from sin. You no longer belong to the devil. He has no more power over you. You are free (Romans 6:18).

There is still another way a slave could be set free from his master. That is if another man should purchase that slave. This is what Christ did. He bought us with His own blood. Therefore, if we turn to Christ and repent the devil cannot hold us as a slave because Christ, with His own blood, bought us.

## **III. Love slave illustration.**

In verse 19 the apostle Paul tells us how we can be free from carnality and receive the experience of holiness. He uses the illustration of the love slave to teach this wonderful truth. In the Old Testament, when a slave was purchased he served for six years. At the end of the six years the slave could go free. But, if the slave said, "I love my master; I will not go free," he was making a choice to be a love slave for the rest of his life. If the master accepted him as a lifetime

love slave they went before the elders of the city and the slave said, "I love my master; I will not go free." Then they put a hole through his right ear, which was the sign of a love slave. Then the man was never to be set free, but served as a love slave until death.

This is what happens to us when we get saved. We are a purchased slave. We serve Jesus until He shows us our need of holiness (or sanctification). Then we must make a choice either to go on to holiness or go back to sin. You must either go free from Jesus or get sanctified and become His love slave.

You must make a consecration just as complete as the love slave's consecration was. If the slave had a wife, she was to belong to his master as a slave; if children were born they too were to belong to his master. He, himself, would also belong to his master with all he owned.

When you completely yield yourself to Christ as a love slave forever the Holy Spirit will come in and give you the experience of holiness. The Holy Spirit will witness to your heart that you are accepted in holiness (Romans 6:19). There are many ways the Spirit may witness. He may come in with great joy or great power, or you may just feel clean all at once, or may be in other ways that the Holy Spirit witnesses to you that you are sanctified. It is just as real as the hole in the slave's ear.

#### **IV. The reward of holiness.**

"But now being made free from sin" (Romans 6:22). The word "sin" here means the nature of sin, or carnality. Oh, how wonderful it is to be free from carnality.

The result of being free from sin is that our fruit is unto holiness (Galatians 5:22, 23). When your nature is made holy the natural result is a holy life and the fruit that our life bears is the fruit of the Spirit.

The road of holiness leads to Heaven. If we continue to walk in this holy way we will go to heaven when we die (Romans 6:23, II Corinthians 5:1).

#### **V. Heaven is a gift (Romans 6:23).**

When God saved us He gave us eternal life. We do not have to pay Him for that, nor could we ever repay Him. He doesn't ask us to pay; it is a gift. When He gave us holiness we could never repay Him, but He does not ask us to pay. It is the gift of God (John 14:15-17). He blesses us in many, many ways that more than pay us for our labor for Him. He will reward us at the Judgment for our faithfulness and our sufferings.

Christ has given us eternal life when He saved us. Also He gave us holiness when He sanctified us. He pays us wages as we live for Him, and besides all this He will reward us at the Judgment. What more is there that He can do for us? There is only one thing left and that is also a gift. He will open Heaven's gate and tell us to enter. It is ours as a gift. Praise the Lord!

## LESSON 11

# PERFECT LOVE

### Outline

- I. When do we receive perfect love?
  - A. What is the source of perfect love?
  - B. What is the source of hatred?
  - C. When He fills us with the Spirit or sanctifies us. I John 4:12, 13
  - D. When we become like Him in this world, which takes place in the experience of holiness. I John 4:17
  
- II. The results of perfect love.
  - A. We become like Him. I John 4:17,18
  - B. Perfect love casts out fear (fear of the judgment and fear to meet Christ). I John 4:17, 18
  
- III. Example of perfect love. Matthew 5:43-47
  - A. The standard of perfect love.
  - B. Perfect love commanded. Matthew 5:48
    1. Perfect love—the highest state of grace in this world. I Timothy 1:5
    2. We must increase in perfect love after we receive the experience of perfect love.
      3. We are to put on charity. Colossians 3:14
  
- IV. If we obey His words we will receive the experience of Christian perfection. I John 2:5

### Perfect Love

#### I. When do we receive perfect love?

To answer this question we must first consider the only Source of divine love, which is God (I John 4:16). Then we must consider the source of hatred, which is carnality or the nature of sin which we were born with (Psalms 51:5).

The moment we are saved we stop hating because the love of God comes into our heart.

Hatred is sin (Galatians 5:20). It is among the list of sins which the Bible declares “that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God” (Galatians 5:19-21). When Christ justifies a man He forgives him of the hatred of the past and puts divine love in his heart. His love is not yet made perfect because the carnal nature still lives in the heart. (I Corinthians 3:1-3).

These verses declare that they were brethren and they were babes in Christ, and able to take spiritual milk. But they were yet carnal because they were not yet sanctified. All the sins you read about in Galatians 5:19-21 come from the carnal or sin nature, so when you get saved you stop sinning but the nature is still in your heart. We would like to emphasize the fact that when we get saved we stop committing the sins that are mentioned but the nature that caused us to commit the

sins is still in our heart.

Hatred is part of that nature so it is impossible for you to have perfect love until that carnal nature is taken out of your heart through the experience of sanctification.

Perfect love is also to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. It is impossible to love God perfectly with the carnal nature in your heart (Romans 8:7).

In the 8th chapter of Romans, the word “flesh” is not speaking of the flesh of the body but the fleshly nature or the carnal nature. In the 7th verse the Bible declares that the carnal nature is enmity against God. With this nature which hates God (it is an enemy of God) you can never love God perfectly. So it is impossible to have perfect love until carnality is taken out and your heart is made pure. This takes place when we are sanctified or filled with the Spirit (Acts 15:8, 9; Romans 15:16).

Here Peter declared that when they were filled with the Holy Spirit they received a pure heart.

In Romans 15:16 Paul declares that we are sanctified by the Holy Ghost. The word “sanctify” means “to purify,” so when they were filled with the Holy Spirit they were sanctified and the Bible said they received a pure heart.

This is what John is speaking of in I John 4:12, 13. In verse 12 the apostle John speaks of God dwelling in us and our love being perfected. But in verse 13 he makes it clear that this perfect love comes through our being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Another Scripture that teaches that we receive perfect love in the experience of holiness is I John 4:17. The first part of this verse speaks of our having been made perfect. The last part says, “Because as he is so are we in this world.” God is holy and when we get sanctified we are made holy and our love is made perfect. Therefore we receive perfect love in the experience of sanctification.

## **II. The results of perfect love** (I John 4:17, 18).

First we become like Him. We can never be like Him in wisdom and knowledge. We can never be like Him in ability or greatness. But we can be like Him in holiness which is the image of Christ. We can be like Him in love because we can have perfect love through Him.

Next, perfect love gives us boldness in the day of judgment. First, boldness because we stand in His likeness, pure and holy. Bless His name! Next, perfect love gives us confidence and trust in the One we love until we can meet Him without fear. *(not only boldness before the throne, but an effortless Holy boldness in exploits here on earth, for His Spirit is effortlessly kept constantly right on the throne of my life. Edit.)*

## **III. Example of perfect love** (Matthew 5:43-47).

The standard of the Pharisees was to love their neighbor and hate their enemy. But Jesus said, “Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you.” Then He gives the example of the perfect love of God: God sends the rain and sunshine on the just and unjust.

Following this great lesson on perfect love including the example of God's own perfect love, He commands us to be perfect as the Father is perfect. Jesus could not be speaking of knowledge because the Father is absolutely perfect in knowledge. Nor could He be speaking of ability for God is absolutely perfect in ability. No, but He is speaking of being perfect in love as the Father is perfect. If this were an impossibility Christ would not have commanded it.

Perfect love is the end of the commandment and the highest state of grace we can obtain in this world (I Timothy 1:5). Charity out of a pure heart is what we have when we receive perfect love or sanctification. This does not mean we cannot increase in perfect love or get more of perfect love after we receive the experience of perfect love. If we keep the experience of perfect love we must increase in perfect love. In II Peter 1:5-7 we are admonished to add charity and II Peter 1:8 says that we are to abound in these things, so we are to abound in charity. Also we are admonished above all things to have fervent charity in I Peter 4:8.

We are to have charity out of a pure heart (or perfect love). Then we are to abound in charity and abounding charity is fervent charity or burning charity. Then we read that charity or divine love is the bond of our perfectness (Colossians 3:14).

#### **IV. If we obey His Word we will receive the experience of perfect love** (I John 2:5).

The Word of God says, "This is the will of God, even your sanctification" (I Thess. 4:3). The Word of God further says, "Be ye holy, for I am holy," a command of God. God also calls you to holiness (I Thessalonians 4:7, 8).

By these scriptures you see that if you obey His words you will get sanctified and receive a perfect heart. Then, in order to be sanctified you must obey His Word and confess the unrighteous nature, or carnality (I John 1:9). Confess jealousy, envy, pride, selfishness, deceitfulness, rebellion and anger.

Then you must make a complete consecration to be sanctified (Romans 12:1, 2).

Pastor, close your lesson with this brief outline:

- I. From our study we have learned what Christian perfection is.
- II. The Bible teaches Christian perfection.
- III. It is obtained in the experience of sanctification.
- IV. In Matthew 5:48 Jesus commands us to be perfect.
- V. It is the end of the commandment (I Timothy 1:5).
- VI. We grow in perfect love after we receive it in sanctification.

## **LESSON 14**

### **HOLY—SAINT**

## Outline

- I. A holy person is one that is holy in life and heart.
    - A. We are made holy by the experience of sanctification. II Peter 1:4
      - 1. We are holy in life in justification.
      - 2. We are holy in heart and nature in sanctification.
      - 3. How we must live before we can be sanctified. Romans 12:1, 2
        - a. What we must do to be sanctified.
  
  - II. To be holy is God's command. I Peter 1:16
    - A. How we are to live before sanctification. I Peter 1:15
    - B. Price paid for our sanctification, or that we might be holy. I Peter 1:18, 19
      - 1. Redeemed back to the image of God which is holy..
        - a. The justified man is still carnal. I Corinthians 3:1-3.
          - (1) He has the image of Adam.
          - (2) He is unholy in nature.
        - b. The sanctified man is holy in nature Ephesians 1:13
    - C. "Be ye holy, for I am holy."
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- III. A saint is a holy person.
  - A. A saint is a sanctified person. Ephesians 2:19, Acts 26:18
  - B. This truth is taught in Revelation 19:7-9
    - 1. What is the Church?
      - a. The Church is the saved people. Psalms 87:5-7
      - b. The Church is the Bride of Christ. Ephesians 5:25-27
    - 2. The Bride made herself ready.
      - a. Second work of grace.

## Holy or Saint

### **I. A holy person is not only one that is holy in life, but also holy in heart.**

We are made holy through the experience of sanctification. After we are saved we still have the carnal or unholy nature (I Corinthians 3:1-3), but when we are sanctified our nature is holy (II Peter 1:4). In this verse the Bible tells us that after we escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust (this takes place when we are saved from our sins), then we have many great and precious promises that we might be partakers of the divine nature.

The divine nature is holy. When we get sanctified our nature is made holy because the Holy Spirit takes out the carnal nature and comes in to live in our hearts in His fullness and He makes our nature holy so we are partakers of His divine nature. This makes us holy men or women. The Bible plainly teaches that we are holy in life in justification, and holy in heart and nature in sanctification (Romans 12:1, 2). Romans 12:1 tells us how we must live before we can be sanctified.

- 1. We must be brethren. Only saved people are brethren.
- 2. We must present our bodies holy. This is speaking of holiness of life. One must live free from sin before he can be sanctified. How could you be holy and sin at the same time? You could

not.

3. We must be acceptable. In the Old Testament when they brought a lamb or cow to offer a sacrifice the priest looked it all over to see if it had a blinded eye or a cut or sore on it. If so, it was not accepted.

When you come to get sanctified you are presenting your body a living sacrifice to God, but if you have sins in your life that sacrifice is not acceptable. God will not sanctify you with sins in your life. If you have sins you need to repent and really get saved or justified. Then come back to the altar and get sanctified.

You must make a complete consecration to God until your life is completely given to God for His glory and His work. You must confess carnality and He will cleanse that unrighteous nature (I John 1:9). Confess jealousy, envy, pride, selfishness, deceit-fulness, rebellion and anger. Be not conformed to the world; do not dress like the fashions of the world, but dress holy. Then you will be transformed by the renewing of your mind. This means that the inward man or nature will be changed. It will be made holy. Then you are not only living holy, but you are holy.

## **II. To be holy is the command of God** (I Peter 1:16).

We are commanded to be holy in all manner of conduct in I Peter 1:15. This is before we are sanctified and of course we are to remain holy in conduct after we are made holy in nature or heart. We are to be holy in our conduct between husband and wife, holy in our home, holy on the job, and holy when we are in town. We also are to be holy in church.

In verse 16 God commands us to be holy as He is holy. God is not only holy in conduct but He is holy in nature. We were redeemed through the blood of Christ (I Peter 1: 18, 19), so the price is paid that you might be sanctified or made holy. The word “redeem” means “to buy back,” so man was bought back to the image of God, which is holy.

A justified man is not in the image of God, but in the image of fallen Adam, which was carnal (I Corinthians 3:1-3). Notice, they were brethren, they had been born again and made a part of the family of God, which is the new birth.

They were babes in Christ. No one is a baby in Christ until he is born again. They were alive spiritually, so they were saved, but they were yet carnal, and unholy in nature.

When one is sanctified he is brought back to the image of God, so he is holy. After they believed they were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise (Ephesians 1:13). That means that God’s image, which is holy, was put on their hearts. Therefore, when one is sanctified the carnal nature or image of Adam is taken out and our nature is made holy.

## **III. A saint is a holy person.**

A saint is a sanctified person (Ephesians 2:19). This verse speaks of some people that were not strangers. A sinner is a stranger to the grace of God; he is outside the family of God. These people were not strangers so they were saved. They were not foreigners, but citizens of Heaven and of the household of God, so they were born again. They were sons and daughters of God. But they were not saints, only fellow-citizens with the saints. This shows us that one must be

sanctified to be a saint.

Also, the people that Paul spoke of in Acts 26:18 were saved but not sanctified. Their eyes were opened; they were turned from darkness to light, from the power of Satan unto God, “that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.”

These people were forgiven but not sanctified. They had an inheritance among the sanctified, just as Ephesians 2:19 says that they were fellow-citizens with the saints. So, when one is sanctified he becomes a saint or a holy person.

A saint or a holy person is prepared for the marriage supper in Heaven (Revelation 19:7-10).

What is the Bible church? The church is the saved people (Psalms 87:5-7). Zion in the Old Testament represents the New Testament church. Verse 5 says that this and that man was born in her. Good women in the Bible are a type of the church, so when we are born again we are born into the church.

The sixth verse says, “The Lord shall count, when he writeth up the people.” Then in Acts 2:47 we read, “And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.” After reading these scriptures we can see the real church, or Bible church, is not a denomination that you join, but it is the saved people. All the saved people in the world and in Heaven make up the church or family of God (Ephesians 3:14).

The church is the bride or wife-to-be of Christ (Ephesians 5:25-33). The Bible says, “His wife hath made herself ready” (Revelation 19:7). Then the Bible tells us what she did to make herself ready (Revelation 19:8).

Notice, “And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white.” The Bible tells us that this fine linen is the righteousness of the saints or sanctified or holy people. “This is the will of God, even your sanctification” (I Thessalonians 4:3). Christ provided sanctification for the church (Hebrews 13:12). Therefore it is granted to her. But it is her responsibility to be sanctified or become a saint . She can either accept or reject the wedding garment, but if she rejects it she cannot be in the marriage.

Jesus told of a king that made a marriage for his son (Matthew 22:1-14). Then he went out and bade those who had been invited to come to the marriage, but they would not come. So then he sent his servants out to the highways to bid as many as they found, both bad and good, to come to the marriage. When they came in they all showered(a type of the washing of regeneration). They were saved in the washing. When they came out each was offered a wedding garment, but one man refused it. He probably thought his suit was good enough. Many think they don't need to get sanctified.

When the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there without the wedding garment and said, “Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment?” He was speechless. He could not say, “There was not one for me.” The king had provided a wedding garment for all, as Christ provided sanctification for all. Then the man was cast into outer darkness or the lake of fire (Matthew 22:13). To be prepared for the marriage we must be holy or a saint. (This marriage supper is a distinct glorious reward for His pure intimates. It is a separate issue to be accepted into heaven itself. Edit.)



## LESSON 15

### PURE HEART

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## Pure Heart

### **I. The heart is made pure when we are filled with the Holy Spirit** (Acts 15:8, 9).

Peter here was telling what happened at Cornelius' house. He said that God gave them the Holy Ghost "even as he did unto us," That is, as He did unto the apostles on the day of Pentecost. Peter further declares that God "put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith." Peter tells us that on the day of Pentecost they got a pure heart because God put no difference between them.

We are sanctified by the Holy Ghost (Romans 15:16). The word "sanctify" means to cleanse, purify, or make holy. Peter declared that they got a pure heart when they were filled with the Holy Ghost, and Paul said that we were sanctified by the Holy Spirit, so you see we receive a pure heart in the experience of sanctification.

### **II. Who is going to Heaven?** (Psalm 24:3, 4).

This question in verse 3 is the most important question in the world. "Who shall stand in his holy place?" or who is going to Heaven? This question is plainly answered in verse 4. "He that hath clean hands." This is done in the first work of grace or when we are saved or justified. He that hath "a pure heart." This is done in the second work of grace when we are sanctified. This makes it clear that we must have two works of grace to go to Heaven.

The Bible commands, "Cleanse your hands, ye sinners" (James 4:8). Sin defiles or makes your hands unclean. How then can we cleanse our hands? You must confess your sins and Christ will forgive you of your sins (I John 1:9). You also must forsake all your sins and turn to God with all your heart (Isaiah 55:7).

At this point God will save you if you do not understand restitution. But if you understand that God demands restitution then you either must then go make all restitutions as far as you can or promise God that you will do it. Zacchaeus made this promise and Jesus said, "This day salvation is come to thy house." God does require restitution (Ezekiel 33:15, 16).

When God forgives you all your sins your hands are clean. But when God reveals restitution to you, You must go back and confess to those you have stolen from, and ask their forgiveness and offer to pay them. If they will take the money you must pay. If they forgive you and say you don't have to pay then you are free. In this way we have clean hands.

The Bible further says we must have a pure heart (Psalms 24:4). The Word of God does not command the sinner to purify his heart, but the double minded man is to purify his heart (James 4:8).

When you get clean hands you are no longer a sinner, but you are double minded. This means that you have the mind of Christ and the carnal mind. The Bible is very clear that after you are born again you still have the carnal mind (I Corinthians 3:1-3)

How do we get a pure heart? You must have the carnal mind or nature cleansed out of your heart in the experience of sanctification. To be sanctified you must confess the unrighteous nature (I John 1:9). God will cleanse it out of your heart. Confess jealousy, envy, pride, selfishness,

deceitfulness, rebellion, and anger. You must seek definitely and confess definitely, with a definite faith that He will cleanse your heart.

Then you must make a full and complete consecration. This means that you consecrate or dedicate your whole life to His service. It means to yield your will completely to God. You are saying “yes” to all that God wants you to do or be the rest of your life. You give yourself to God until you belong as completely to God as a horse does to its owner.

Then you will receive the second transformation which renews your mind (Romans 12:1, 2). The carnal mind is taken completely out and you now only have the mind of Christ , and a pure heart .

It is not enough just to get clean hands and a pure heart (when we are saved and sanctified), but we must have clean hands and a pure heart when we die. After the Holy Spirit has given us a pure heart we must keep it pure (I Timothy 5:22).

Having a pure heart does not mean that the devil cannot tempt you. No, no, the devil can tempt you with anything that is sin. But, we must resist temptation, and when we do we are kept with a pure heart.

When we walk in the truth it will lead us to the light on sanctification and the truth will lead us into the experience of sanctification. As you obey the truth the Holy Spirit will come in and purify your soul. This takes place when He sanctifies the soul. The result of the heart being pure and filled with the Spirit is unfeigned love of the brethren. Then we are commanded to keep that love flowing out of a pure heart fervently (I Peter 1:22).

### **III. A pure heart is the highest state of grace we can attain in this life.**

A pure heart is the end of the commandment (I Timothy 1:5). After we get a pure heart we can develop all the graces of a Christian life. We must increase in the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22, 23). Then further, we are exhorted to add to the graces we have received (II Peter 1:4-11).

### **IV. A pure heart assures us of seeing God (Matthew 5:8).**

It is as if you were going to fly Pan American airline from Port-au-Prince to Miami, Florida, U.S.A. You would make a reservation and buy a ticket. The reservation would assure you of a seat on that plane. No one else could take your place; you have a reservation.

When we get a pure heart that is our reservation to see God. No one can stop us. The promise is that we shall see God. Everyone ought to want to get sanctified so he can have a pure heart and see God. (Where do we see Him? We see Him as the "Ever-Becoming One within. Edit.)

### **V. The conclusion.**

In our Bible studies on sanctification we have studied how all these words mean the same as sanctification. In the conclusion we will see how and why they all mean the same as sanctification. Holiness is the life of sanctification.

Christian perfection is the result of sanctification.

Perfect love is the outflow of a sanctified heart; our love is made perfect in the experience of sanctification.

We are filled with the Spirit when we are sanctified.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is what takes place when we are sanctified. It is the experience of sanctification.

We are made holy through the experience of sanctification.

The heart is made pure through the experience of sanctification, so when we get sanctified we get a pure heart.



## LESSON 16

### PERFECTION

We would now, in this sixteenth chapter, like to consider perfection as it was taught before the Law and also as God's standard for the Church in the New Testament.

In the seventeenth chapter of Genesis, we hear God address Himself to Abraham, the Father of Faith, and charge him to walk before Him and be perfect. Genesis 17:1.

Had God approached Abraham with this great command to be Perfect without first declaring Himself to be the Almighty God, Abraham would have thrown up his hands in despair and cried, "It is impossible." But as in the usual pattern of Abraham's life, his faith did not waver. Since God had declared Himself to be Almighty—All Powerful—Abraham believed that He could make him perfect and help him in this manner. Praise the Lord!

To say that no one can be perfect is to declare the Bible untrue because God said that Noah was a perfect man. Also the same is said of Job. It also would declare that the Apostle Paul testified to something which he did not have or no one could obtain. This would make the Apostle's testimony untrue.

"Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you." Philippians 3:15

I believe the apostle knew about what he was testifying. To say it is impossible to be perfect is to say that God does not want us to obtain Christian perfection.

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."  
Matthew 5:48

Jesus commanded perfection. If we could not be perfect, it would make Jesus unjust in His command to be perfect. Therefore, we cannot say that God does not want a perfect people. Next, we would have to say that God is not big enough to make us perfect. This would mean that God was untrue in declaring Himself to be Almighty. So if God wants a perfect people, and is big enough to make us perfect, and has declared some men to have been perfect, then you also can be perfect.

The next step in Christian perfection that we would like to consider is when we obtain this experience. It is not after death, because Noah, Abraham, Job, and Paul were all alive when they obtained this experience.

Dr. George Watson in his book *God's First Words* tells us that this term or title that God gave Himself as He addressed Abraham, "Almighty God," means "The Outpoured God." This would signify the God of Pentecost or the Holy Ghost.

"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29. And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit." Joel 2:28, 29

1. And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:1-4

"But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

15. For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; 17. And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: 18. And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit and they shall prophesy" Acts 2:14-18

So, when one is filled with the Holy Ghost (sanctified), he receives Christian Perfection. Also Dr. Watson says the words, "Almighty God" in Genesis 17:1 means the "Inexhaustible Fountain." This also would refer to the wonderful filling of the Holy Ghost.

"He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. 39. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)" John 7:38-39

By these Scriptures we can see that this was the introduction which God gave Himself as He commanded Abraham to be perfect. Also we can see that Christian Perfection is obtained when we are sanctified. But let us read further where Paul declares that we are sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

"That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the

gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost." Romans 15:16

Now let us consider what we mean by Christian Perfection. First, what is perfection? Anything that is as it ought to be is perfect. We do not hesitate to pick up an apple and say this is a perfect apple. Why? Because it is what an apple ought to be. We talk about perfect tires, logs, boards, babies, anything but Christian Perfection, which many are afraid of.

When we speak of Christian Perfection we do not mean absolute perfection, because only God has that. We do not mean angelical perfection because that perfection belongs only to the angels. Nor are we speaking of Resurrection perfection because we will only obtain that perfection when we are resurrected in His likeness.

"If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. 12. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:11,12

Paul declares that he has not been resurrected yet, nor had he obtained that resurrection perfection, but he declares that he has obtained Christian Perfection.

"Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you." Philippians 3:15

We will now study the reason that the justified man is not perfect. The justified man or saved man still has the carnal mind.

"And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. 2. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. 3. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?" I Corinthians 3:1-3

God's Word declares that the carnal nature or the sin nature is enmity against God. This is found in Romans 8:7. Surely the heart that has this nature in it is imperfect.

Paul tells us in I Corinthians 3:1 that they were babes and unable to take spiritual meat. The Hebrew writer also tells us of those who were babes because they had not gone on unto perfection.

"Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. 12. For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. 13. For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. 14. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." Hebrews 5:11-14

Then, in another place in Hebrews he exhorts them to go on unto perfection.

1. "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God." Hebrews 6:1

Greek scholars tell us that this term, "let us go on unto perfection," literally means, "let us be carried over unto perfection," which makes it an instantaneous work of Grace.

Now as we look at what Christian Perfection is, let us read in Acts.

"And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; 9. And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith." Acts 15:8, 9

In this Scripture, Peter tells of the Gentiles at Cornelius' house receiving the Holy Ghost, and said that God put no difference between the Gentiles at Cornelius' house and the Apostles on the day of Pentecost, declaring that both received a pure heart.

Again we would remind you that Romans 15:16 says that we are sanctified by the Holy Ghost. Webster defines the word "Sanctify" 1. "in a general sense to cleanse, purify or make holy; 2. to separate or set apart or appoint to a holy, sacred or religious use; 3. to cleanse from corruption, to purify from sin, to make holy by detaching the affections from the world and its defilements and exalting them to supreme love to God."

A sanctified heart which is pure is as it ought to be. Therefore, one with a pure heart has obtained Christian Perfection, but a pure heart is not all one gets in Sanctification. The Image of Christ is stamped upon the heart.

"In who ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise." Ephesians 1:13

Also we are partakers of His divine nature.

"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life, and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4. Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." II Peter 1:3, 4

The carnal nature is gone and the divine nature of God is placed in our hearts. Brethren, that nature could not be anything else but Holy.

So a heart that is pure is stamped with the image of God and is a partaker of the divine nature which is a perfect heart. This is Christian Perfection.

Now we would point the readers to the fact that this command was given to Abraham before the Law. But men rejected God, went into sin, and there had to be a law given with carnal ordinances and sacrifices. But those sacrifices could not make the comers thereunto perfect.

"For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect." Hebrews 10:1

"For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified." Hebrews 10:14.

Here the Word declares that man is perfected **through sanctification**. Seeing that Calvary purchased Christian Perfection, certainly it is God's standard for the Church.

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." I Thessalonians 5:23,24

Here Paul declares that through sanctification, the experience of Christian Perfection, we will be presented blameless before Him.

Paul declares to Timothy that charity out of a perfect heart is the end of the commandment.

5. "Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned." I Timothy 1:5

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