

Death to sin and Sanctification

Scripture Romans 6: 1-23

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Introduction: Bible students know that sanctification is scriptural. The words sanctify, sanctified, or sanctification have been used 164 times in the Word of God. In the Old Testament, things were sanctified. Mount Sinai, where the laws of Moses were given, was sanctified. The seventh day was sanctified. The altar in the Temple and the temple itself were sanctified.

In the New Testament we read that Christ died for our sanctification. "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate" (Heb. 13:12). Not only did Christ suffer for our cleansing, but He impressed upon His followers the urgency of sanctification. In His last prayer with them prior to the Crucifixion, He pleaded with His Father: "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:15-17). The ultimate purpose of Christ's death was that His believers might be sanctified.

What is sanctification? According to Webster's dictionary "Sanctify is a transitive verb that means to make holy, cleanse from impurity, pollution, or sin." Since a transitive verb means action that changes something, a person who sanctified by the Holy Spirit is different than he was before he was sanctified.

Throughout Christ's teachings and the especially in the Sermon on the Mount, He taught that salvation was twofold. The antagonism He aroused in the scribes and Pharisees on this point helped cause His crucifixion. Jesus said of them "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:20).

Just as salvation is twofold, so is sin. There are the visible acts: stealing, lying, etc. Those sins are forgiven in regeneration; but there is still an inward condition that "leans toward sinning." That is dealt with in sanctification. You may be forgiven for your acts of sin, but not for the condition of sin in your heart; it must be cleansed. You are

lying but not for the deceitful spirit that made you want to lie; it must be cleansed. You may be forgiven for the cutting words you spoke, but not for the unreasonable prejudices which made you say those things; they must be cleansed. Christ forgives sins, but He cleanses the condition of sin in the heart.

Sanctification is really the completion of the work begun in regeneration. John Wesley spoke of those who had been saved and not sanctified as "merely justified." "As yet," he said "they have not gone on for all that the Lord has for them." He was not trying to put down the experience of the new birth, but to emphasize the further work of heart cleansing.

The person who has been saved and then faces light on sanctification sings:
Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole.
I want thee forever to dwell in my soul
Break down every idol; cast out every foe
Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

The person who is saved, but refuses to walk into the experience of sanctification, should sing:

Lord Jesus, I long to be partially whole
I want Thee part of the time to dwell in my soul.
Break down a few idols; cast out a few foes.
Wash me a little, and I'll be some whiter than before.

Standards of Holiness should be based on the inner Christ like spirit.

Sanctification takes away that critical spirit, that lazy attitude, the wrong motive, the ugly character, and puts in its place the spirit of divine love.

Sanctification is a heart cleansing of the condition which lends itself to acts that hurt the soul and the kingdom of Christ.

Is Sanctification Necessary?

Illus. The disciples Wanting to call fire down from heaven
James and John wanting to be the greatest
Showed selfishness at the last supper.
Showed fear and all forsook Him and fled.

Jesus commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father...

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts 1:4,8). Therefore, if sanctification was necessary for those men in the world 2,000 years ago, then it is certainly necessary for you and me in the 20th century.

Sanctification is necessary for victorious living. Jesus, in the 17th chapter of John, refused to pray for His disciples to be sheltered from the evil of the world. He prayed that they might be sanctified, and thereby live victoriously in a sinful world.

Some Christians eke out an existence without any real joy or exuberance. Christianity is, to them a mere "insurance policy" against hell. They have no vibrant testimony and bear no Christian fruit. God never intended that kind of life for us. He wants us to possess some spiritual enthusiasm and a joy in our hearts that sets us apart from the world. Our lives must count for Him.

Illustration; Pocket Radio.

Too, sanctification is necessary for unity. Would Christ want to come back to the world and find the churches bickering among themselves over little issues?

"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" (1 Thess. 5:23).

Sanctification is not a luxury that may be either accepted or rejected with little consideration. It is absolutely necessary for a victorious, fruitful Christian testimony.

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Today I am speaking to you again about sanctification. Every denomination believes in some form of sanctification. Our Catholic friends believe we are cleansed in purgatory. Some good folks believe that we are saved and sanctified all at once. Others think we are saved and then begin the long process of growing into the experience of sanctification. Some think we are sanctified just before death, and still others believe glorification and sanctification are synonymous.

Dictionary says: Sanctification means to make holy. make pure from sin.

Lets look at the scripture and you may be your own judge.

Sanctified, sanctified or sanctification used 16 times in Bible

Acts 19:2 to the people at Ephesus "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost". The ephesians had believed on Christ but had not received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. And he said unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is on Christ Jesus. When they heard this they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them.

Acts 8:14-17 "Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (for as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost."

As soon as the mother church in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria had received "the word," they sent two of their best evangelists, Peter and John, to go preach to them on the Holy Ghost. "For as yet he was fallen upon none of them."

Acts 10: 1-4 "There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, a devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always. He had heard of the apostles, and sought to call them in, and was seeking for an opportunity to see them."

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always. He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour
of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying
unto him, Cornelius. And when he looked on him, he was
afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him.
Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial
before God."

Lets see what kind of man he was:

1. A devout man;
2. One that feared God;
3. With all his house (He evidently won his family.);
4. Which gave much alms (He no doubt paid his tithe.);
5. And prayed to God always;
6. God sent a special messenger down to tell him that
his prayers had come up as a memorial before God.

But as you read on in this chapter, you see that cornelius
felt a need for a deeper work in his heart. He sent to
Joppa down by the sea where Peter was vacationing, and a
asked him to come and minister to his household. Peter
came. And in the 44th verse of the chapter, the climax is
reached when it says, "While Peter yet spake these words,
the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word."

In John 17:9-17, Christ prays, "not for the world," but
that His disciples might be sanctified. In Ephessians, the
fifth chapter, we are told that Christ gave himself that
"the church" might be sanctified.

It seems to me that any objective interpretation of the
Scriptures teaches that we are sanctified as a second
definite work of grace.

The question needs to be asked today as the deciples asked
the epehsians, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye
believed?" and if not why not receive Him today.

Consider the lilies ^{MT. Nazarene}
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Mt. 6:28

"Consider the lilies of the field."
The lily became in the hands
of Christ the text for one
of the simplest and briefest
sermons ever preached.

The patriotic jews liked
to admire Solomon's court.

Gold, silver and jewels were
skillfully used in it.

The labor of thousands
of skilled workmen for
years were used to produce
the splendor of it.

Jesus said the lilies
have more spender than
Solomon in all his glory.

II sitting at the table admiring
the tulips. 6 petals, 6 ^{stamens} etc
18 pointed stamens

III Consider the lilies
What are they good for?
The whole plan and purpose
to produce a flower.
unlike the Wood, Iron
Coal, Oil. for utility
God made the lily to
fast our weary eyes on

IV Flowers are the very
Courtships of God.

Snowy Range flowers
in Wyoming.

V Consider how they grow
DNA Code in the
bulb. Delicate shades
of color

VI They speak of God's love.
Free to all.

VII They speak of God's
~~tenderness~~. bountiful
provisions

VIII They speak of Gods purity and beauty
God can make you
like the lily, clean
pure, beautiful in
life and spirit.

Job interview
Nursing Home Consider the Lilies Calvary Wesleyan 1-7-85
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While praying and meditating about the message this morning, I felt the Lord would have me to use the scripture found in Matt. 6:28-30.

In our basement for several years there has been an Amarello Lillie in a pot. Illustrate.

It is so amazing to me that that lillie bulb could have suffered so long and then when it was cared for to burst forth with such radiance. Jesus said, "Consider the lillies" so I believe that we should be like the lillies. We may be neglected and pressed down and may think nobody cares, but when our time comes when we have the opportunity we will burst out with radiance that show the true worth that has been in our heart all the time. Jesus said, "The lillies toil not neither do they spin, and yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

The the glory of the beautiful lillies is within it the pattern and design of the red and white flowers. God placed it there and so the lillie just waited untill it could bring it forth to the world.

Like the heart of the lillie brings forth beauty, so the heart of the Christian brings forth the love, joy, peace, goodness, temperance, long suffering, Gentleness, hope, and faith. Jesus said, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh". Also His word says, "Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life."

All lilies are not the same but all have a beauty of their own. So all christians are not the same but all have a beauty of their own. Some have the lovely smile, some break forth with praises to God in song. some can pray until heaven comes down in loveliness and peace. Some know the art of always knowing just when to speak the right words at the right time to help some one in need. and some are always helping others with their work.

The lily is the queen of Bible flowers. 14 times the Bible mentions the lily but only twice the rose. The lily reigned in the time of Esther, in the time of Solomon, in the time of Christ. In the greatest sermon that was ever preached, there was only one flower, and that a lily. Jesus said "Consider the lilies."

Belonging to this royal family of lilies is the lily of the Nile, The Japan lily, the Lady Washington of the Sierras, the Golden Band Lily, the Giant lily of Nepaulm, the Turk's cap lily, The African lily, from the Cape of Good Hope. Also we see the Daffadills, The Easter lilies, the tulips,

THE WATER LILIES

the Day lilies, The star of Bethlehem, and the Aloes.

Pop-up
Silber

After the long winter months first comes the Daffadills,
Next comes the tulips, so fresh and beautifull.

Then the day Lillies and the tiger lilies that thrive
in the sun and hot weather.

GOD CARES FOR THE LILIES. Well, how not
care for you?

How long has God taken care of you? Quarter of the
journey of life: half the journey of life? Three-quarters of
the journey of life: can you not trust him the rest of the
way? If God so luxuriantly clothes the grass of the field,
will he not provide for, his living and immortal children? He sur-
surely will.

I take the lilies of my text as typical of all flowers,
they are good for lessons of God's providential care. That was
Christ's first thought.

What are flowers good for some might ask? They are good TO S H
for the bridal day. Did you ever see a wedding without flowers?

Illustrate my wedding.

Illustrate my wedding.

Illustrate the widowed soul.

What are flowers good for? When a precious loved one
dies, you cover the casket with flowers,

Flowers show us the brevity of life; The Psalmist said, "As
the flower of the field, so he perisheth; The wind passeth
over it, and it is gone," Job said. "Man cometh forth as a
flower and is cut down." Isaiah said; "All flesh is grass,
and the goodliness thereof is as the field." or we could
quote from James the Apostle: "As the flower of the field
so he passeth away."

Flowers also afford mighty symbolism of Christ, who compared
himself to the rose of Sharon, and the Lily of the valley." The
lily of the valley has beautiful bell shaped flowers of
pure whithe. It grows in shady places where it is damp and
cool. It has a delightfull fragrance and spereads it's perfume
through gardens and woods during the springtime. So Jesus
goes through the vally spreading the perfume of his love and
the purity of His life to give hope to all who are in the
valley of trouble and sorrow.

As a young Minister on my first pastorate in California
I often visited a lady of thw church who was very week and sick.

Perhaps the graatest flower of all to symbolize Christ, is
the Easter lily. From tpe brown earth it rises in a array
of spotless white.

symbolising the resurrection of our Saviour from the dead. Then we hear the words of our Lord proclaiming, "I am the resurrection and the life, He that believeth in me thou he were dead yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. and "Because I live ye also shall live."

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NO MATTER WHAT COMES
OR GOES. AND EVEN
THO WE DIE HE WILL
RESURRECT US TO GLORY

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Gal 6:2.

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Livermore 1-10.

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Intro. In order to copy

in the Christian life we must keep His laws.

The law of Christ took upon Himself the form of a servant.

I The law of Burden Bearing.
entering into the suffering of others.
Illust. Jesus. Empathy
Widows son raised from dead.
Women at the well
Zacharias. pedig. multitude
Disciples fishing
His prayer for Disciples
His mother at the cross.
Uncle Tom grinding meal for
other slaves.

I How can we bear burden.

I. The commonest burden is
sin.

A We can only bring them
to Jesus.

1. by counsel,
by gentle guidance
by mighty intercession

II The burden of Temperament

Just at Great heart in pilgrims
progress helped. The feeble-minded
Mrs. Ready to halt, Miss much
a frail and other until all
reached the Heavenly country,
the fragrant land where
bloomed the lily of eternal
peace.

III The burden of Incompleteness

We are just branches.
we being many are one
body in Christ.

IV The burden of needs.

Illust. Blind man.

Hospital Visit
"Never utter a discouraging
word while you are in this hospital
you should come here only for the
purpose of helping. Keep you
hindered, and look for other
places; and if you can't smile
Don't go in."

Illust.

Bro. Gunn.

Room Mate.

Joanita and Sis. Lewis.

Happiness comes from
bearing burdens.

To fulfill the law of Christ
an encouraging word of
praise.

wives encourage husbands
husbands praise wives
children honor fathers
mothers.

a word fitly spoken is
like apples of Gold in pictures
of silver.

Pastor & Wife

~~Help somebody today~~

Song 7:19

Definition of a friend
A friend is one who
comes in when all
the world has gone out.