

Lesson # 9 -- God's Supply in a Sanctification and its Service.

Introduction

- A. The Christian needs more than salvation with its forgiveness, justification and assurance -- he needs enablement to love and obey God!
- B. It is not the will of God that we live our daily lives in our own strength.

We must honestly confess our sins, seek to understand our problems, learn the provision God has made for us and then make the necessary decisions of faith and love so that we may practice the Biblical method of sanctification.

- C. God has given us His Word as a means of sanctification, John 15:3; 17:17; Eph. 5:26. We must become involved with the Scripture in order to fellowship with God, learn the will and provision of God and be strengthened and instructed in practicing the Bible.

I. The Definition of Sanctification.

Sanctification is that activity of God whereby He (positionally) separates the believer from the world and consecrates him to Himself, progressively (experientially) sets him free from sin and enables him to realize the will of God in his daily life.

II. The Necessary Distinctions Regarding Sanctification.

- A. The relationship between salvation and sanctification.

In salvation the believer has a "standing" before God (p. 19). This includes not only the "legal benefits" of salvation (forgiveness, etc.), but also the benefits of "positional" sanctification (the holiness of separation, acceptance, etc.).

- B. The three aspects of Biblical sanctification.

1. Positional sanctification -- complete and once-for-all, I Cor. 1:2; Eph. 1:4; Hebrews 10:10,14.
2. Progressive or experiential sanctification -- incomplete in that it is always in the process of change, II Cor. 7:1; I Peter 1:14-16.
3. Ultimate or final sanctification -- absolute in that the believer is glorified, I John 3:2.

III. The Need For Sanctification.

- A. The old nature defiles the believer and is a source of evil thoughts and desires, Mark 7:18-23.
- B. The old nature hinders, weakens and enslaves the believer, Rom. 7:15-24.
- C. The old nature is a contradictory element in the believer, Gal. 5:17.
- D. The old nature is a source of sinful actions in the believer, Gal. 5:19-21.
- E. The old nature is always a potential ally for Satan, Eph. 4:21-31.

IV. The Provision For Sanctification.

A. The provision in the atonement.

- 1. In the Crucifixion Jesus Christ died representing the sinful nature. The believer died to sin in his Representative. A cleansing has been provided for us. Romans 6:1-10; Galatians 2:20; 6:14.
- 2. In the Resurrection a provision has been made for a new nature. All believers have been raised from the grave in Jesus Christ our Representative, Romans 6:4,5; Eph. 2:5,6; I Peter 1:3.
- 3. Through the atonement Jesus Christ Himself has become our sanctification, I Cor. 1:30.

B. The provision in the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit has been sent to apply the work of the Crucifixion and Resurrection to the believer and thereby glorify Jesus Christ, John 16:14; Romans 8:12-14.

C. The provision in the new nature.

- 1. II Cor. 5:17 -- the new nature has its source in the work of Jesus Christ and results in a transformation of character and life.
- 2. Galatians 6:14,15 -- the new nature is the key for personal assurance of salvation and the key to a successful Christian life.
- 3. Ephesians 4:24 -- the new nature is the source of righteousness and genuine holiness. The Christian, therefore, has the ability to live in righteousness and holiness.
- 4. Colossians 3:10 -- the new nature is the source of knowledge. The Christian, therefore, has the ability to know God and the world.
- 5. II Peter 1:4 -- the new nature is the inner source of freedom from lust and its resultant corruption. The Christian, therefore, has the ability to make the right decisions and live a holy life.

V. The Exhortations Regarding Sanctification.

- A. We are exhorted to "put off the old man," and "put on the new man," Eph. 4:22,24; Col. 3:9,10.
- B. We are exhorted to claim the provision of God, Romans 6:11-13,16-18.
1. Daily reckon -- count upon -- the reality of the Crucifixion with its cleansing and the Resurrection with its enablement, Romans 6:11.
 2. Daily choose to forsake sin and live above it in the power of the new nature, Romans 6:12.
 3. Daily choose to obey God and trust Him for deliverance and enablement, Romans 6:13.

<u>The Old Nature</u>				<u>The New Nature</u>	
	Anxiety		C	Peace	
<u>Result</u>	Pride	A DAILY	U CHOICE	Humility	<u>Result</u>
	Lust		C	Purity	
Bitterness	Doubt		I	Faith	Freedom
Tension	Selfishness		F	Love	
Bondage	Covetousness		I	Thanksgiving	
Passivity	Dishonesty		X	Honesty	
	Hypocrisy		I	Truthfulness	
	Despair		O	Joy	
	Hopelessness		N	Hope	

VI. The Promise of God concerning Sanctification.

- A. God has promised deliverance and cleansing from the old nature with an inner spiritual enablement so that the Christian life may be lived successfully, Romans 6:4,5,14; Eph. 2:10; I John 1:9.
- B. The divine principle: when we obey -- God works, Romans 6:17,18; Philip ians 2:12,13; I Peter 1:22.

Conclusion

If an individual understands these principles, is an honest person, desires the freedom of sanctification for the glory of God, consistently practices the commands specified by God -- and is not free -- then he should look for the work of the enemy. It is Satan's goal to rob the believer of his spiritual freedom and maturity.