

THE DESPERATE NEED FOR DESPERATE TIMES

Selected Passages

I. INTRODUCTION:

A. Hypocrisy, the name of the game:

1. Our affections: (See Col. 3:1-4)
2. Our language: (See Ja. 3:9-12)
3. Our actions: (See I Cor. 3:3; Col. 3:1-11)
4. Our relationships with mates, children and at work: (Col. 3:18-4:1; Eph. 5:22-6:9)

B. Our predetermined high calling:

1. Holy (sanctified) life: (See Eph. 1:4; I Pet. 1:15-16; Col. 3:1-17)

Sanctify means to "set apart". It has the same root as the words "holy" and "saint".

2. God-glorifying life: (See Col. 3:17; I Cor. 6:19-20; 10:31)
3. Fruitful (soul-winning) life: (See Jn. 15:16)

C. What sanctification is all about:

1. Positional sanctification (holiness-set apart) eternally:

"Positional sanctification separates all believers to their new position as belonging to God. The one time offering of the Lord has sanctified us forever. (Heb. 10:10, 14) It is not dependent upon our spiritual growth and maturity. It rests entirely upon our adoption papers into God's family which cuts off all the relationships and responsibilities of the former family. Ryrie

Sanctification is the process in which we cooperate with God through obedience to His word. (Mt. 28:20)

2. Progressional sanctification (holiness-set apart) experientially:

Progressive sanctification is the ongoing process in which we cooperate with God through obedience to His word. (Mt. 28:20) It is the progressive work of continuing to make the daily choice to live a set apart or holy life, in contrast to our culture, to the glory of God. Every Biblical exhortation to godly living underscores the aspect of sanctification. (I Pet. 1:16) It provides the basis for a daily intimate relationship with Christ as His disciple while producing much fruit to the glory of God. (Jn. 15:8) Ryrie

3. Futuristic sanctification:

A future sanctification awaits the believer's glorification with his resurrected body and removal of the sin nature for all eternity (I Jn. 3:1-3; Jude 24) When we are ultimately set apart to God in heaven, then our position and our practice will be in perfect one accord. Ryrie

"Sanctification is Christ Jesus Our Lord setting the believer apart for Himself, positionally at the moment of salvation; progressively or experientially throughout life, and ultimately when the believer arrives in His presence as His bride, in heaven." Charles Ryrie

II. THE ONLY SOLUTION TO PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION:

A. The areas where we need help:

1. Assurance: (Rom. 8:16)

2. Applying Scripture:
3. Conviction:
4. Prioritizing Christ:
5. Seeing and then leading individuals to Christ:
6. Eternal focus:
7. Power to mortify the deeds of the flesh:
8. Resisting temptation:
9. Breaking habits/attitudes:
10. Grasping the nature of God:
11. Controlling the tongue:
12. Implementing Biblical marital roles:
13. Parent/children dynamics:
14. Employee/employer dynamics:
15. Encouragement that transcends circumstances:
16. Consistent/passionate/life-changing prayer life: *(See Ps. 66:18; Pro. 15:29b; 28:9; Isa. 59:2; Lam. 3:44; Jn. 9:31)*
17. Healthy emotions:
18. Spiritually growing up:
19. Singing exuberantly:
20. Discernment:
21. Humanly impossible accomplishments:

B. The only adequate "Helper": *(See Jn. 15:26-27; 16:13-14)*

1. Positionally (eternally): *(See II Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:13; II Tim. 2:13; I Pet. 1:2; 3:18; II Thes. 2:13)*
2. Progressively (experientially): *(See Rom. 8:16; etc. . . .)*

III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:

(Together becoming "people of the Word" in principle AND in practice)

- A. The Holy Spirit is committed to making Christ look good on earth.
(Acts 11:26)
- B. The Holy Spirit is committed to making Christ look good for eternity.
(See Eph. 2:22; Rev. 19:8)