

Unpacking Sanctification

Text: Romans 6:15-23

Context - In Romans 1:1-3:20 All humans are sinful before a holy God.
Romans 3:21-5:21 - God cleanses the sinner through Justification in Jesus.
Romans 6-8, Paul addresses Sanctification and our battle with ongoing sin.

Sanctification: "Sanctification is a progressive work of God and man that makes us more and more free from sin and more like Christ in our actual lives." (Grudem)

The process of Sanctification will push you to...

I. _____ your new master (vs. 15-18)

- A. God works in us to enable us both to "desire and to work out his good purpose" (Philippians 2:3)
- B. Through the process of Sanctification, "Christ is formed in you." (Galatians 4:19)

II. _____ the members of your body to righteousness (vs. 19)

- A. You must "put to death the deeds of the body." (Romans 8:12)
- B. You must also "be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:1-2)

III. _____ the fruit of a surrendered life (vs. 20-23)

- A. The fruit of our old lives is obvious (See Galatians 5:19-21)
- B. Galatians 5:22-23 (HCSB) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law.

C - Confess your sins. This involves agreeing with God that our sin is wrong and that it grieves God. Ask for forgiveness according to Matt 6:12 & 1 Jn 1:9.

A - Affirm God's forgiveness. Recognize the power of the Gospel, that through the cross, God has forgiven our sins through the shed blood of Jesus.

R - Repent of your sin. Turn from your sins, and turn towards Jesus. Ask for transforming grace from God to change your attitude and behavior towards sin.