

“SO GREAT A ~~SALVATION~~ SANCTIFICATION”

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I. SO GREAT A SALVATION

A. Theme Verse **Hebrews 2:3** “How shall we escape if we neglect so great a Salvation.”

1. SIN (ROM.1-3)
2. SALVATION (Romans. 3-5)
3. SANCTIFICATION (Romans 6-8)
4. SOVEREIGNTY (Romans 9-11)
5. SERVICE (Romans12-16)

II. INTRO TO SO GREAT A SANCTIFICATION (Rom. 6-8).

A. Theme Verses

1. 1 Thessalonians 4:3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality;
2. **Hebrews 10:14** “For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.”
3. SANCTIFICATION (Romans 6-8)
 - a. Illustration; If Holiness were clothing, Laundry, Sin-Dirty clothing, Salvation-New clothing, Sanctification-The washing Machine, Sovereignty-The mystery of electricity and machinery, Service-How you should live when you wear the clean clothing you and God have done together.
 - b. In an era where compromise is acceptable and sin celebrated sanctification more urgent than ever.

B. Terms:

1. SANCTIFICATION (HOLLINESS):

- a. Greek: **ἁγιασμός** personal dedication to the interests of the deity, holiness, consecration, sanctification¹
- a. Hebrew: **קִדְּשׁ** be holy, separated, ordained²
- b. “Sanctification is one of several possible English translations of these words in the Bible. Context alone determines whether the translation should be holy, holiness, holy one, saints, consecrate, consecration, sanctify or sanctification.”³
- c. “Holliness is the only way to happiness. The saints must have heaven in them before they are in heaven.” Richard Baxter in The Reformed Pastor wrote

III. Q & A FROM ROMANS 6-8 ON SANCTIFICATION:

- A. Q & A **Romans 6:1-3** What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?
1. Q & A “Continue in sin so grace may increase? Absolutely Not! Grace is good for our bad but bad if we think it makes all the bad we did good. This is not a game.
 2. Baptism as a metaphor of Christ exchanging our life for his and his death for ours.
 3. The Legal concept of Double Jeopardy: You can’t be charged twice for a crime you served sentence for once.
 4. You died to sin and the body that bore it and have received Christs Righteousness like clothes
- B. Q & A **Romans 6:15** What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?
1. Antinomianism (No Law). Perverts Grace. Claims Grace negates the necessity of the obedience and leads to increased sin. Jude 4
 2. The true gospel calls believers to walk in obedience not as a means of salvation but as its necessary fruit.
 - i. James 2:17 So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹ I.B.I.D., 10.

² Willem VanGemeren, ed., *New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology & Exegesis* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1997), 868.

³ K. E. Brower, “Sanctification, Sanctify,” in *New Bible Dictionary*, ed. D. R. W. Wood et al. (Leicester, England; Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1996), 1057.

3. Metaphor of Marriage

4. **?Romans 6:11-14** ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body; to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

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6. **Romans 6:22-23** ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to **sanctification** and its end, eternal life.

C. **Q & A Romans 7:7** ⁷ What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."

1. **Q & A** So the law is no good not necessary and even a bad thing now since I want to live in grace, not guilt. I'm free. No, it's more relevant than ever before because it shows you how far your drifting from living the new life Christ has died to provide you with.
2. The Law shows me what is sinful. Man is a compass that pulls to his sinful passions. Not to Jesus. **For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**
3. We are no longer slaves to sin but slaves to righteousness.
4. The Purpose Driven life or the Spiritual Bi-Polar driven life **Romans 7:15-25**

D. **Q & A Romans 7:24** "Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?"

- i. **The Body of Death in the city of Tarsis where Paul was from**

IV. THE BATTLE FOR SANCTIFICATION:

A. THE NECESSARY BATTLE

1. Sanctification: The Battle for sin, a necessary War

- i. Sanctification is a war and ongoing struggle against the world, the flesh and the Battle **Romans 7:18-25**
- ii. The ongoing battle with Sin **Eph 6:11-13**

B. THE BATTLE IN THE MIND

1. Sanctification is not a passive process. It's a life-long process of becoming like Christ in our conduct.
2. Sanctification is both a "Divine work" and a "personal pursuit". It requires Jesus to do his part but a full effort on our part.
3. **Romans 8:3-4** ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.
4. What consumes your mind and drives your body is evidence of who or what is LORD.

C. The Battle of the Flesh and the Spirit

1. **Romans 8:13** "For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.
2. Thomas Watson: "The first step in mortification is to know that we have sinned. The second step is to fight against it daily"
3. Victory over sin does not come through passivity (doing nothing except feeling guilt and then forgiveness.) but through daily battle.
4. **Johnathan Edwards** "The more holiness we have the more we shall see God."
5. Sanctification is not about self-improvement but conformity to the image of Jesus.
6. John Owens "Be killing sin or it will be killing you."

VI. CONCLUSION **Adoniram Judson** "I dug a grave"