

The Inheritance of *Grace*

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Day 1: Entrusting Yourself to God's Process

Devotional: Sanctification is not a ladder you climb through religious performance—it's a gift you receive through surrender. Like a child learning to catch a ball, we often swing and grab at holiness instead of simply positioning ourselves to receive what God freely gives. The work of transformation belongs to God, not to our striving efforts. Your responsibility is not to earn sanctification but to trust the One who sanctifies. Today, stop trying to make yourself holy through sheer willpower. Instead, commend yourself fully to God. Confess the areas where you've been trying to earn His favor, and ask Him to do in you what only He can accomplish. Grace is opposed to earning, not effort—but let your effort be faith, not works.

Reading:

Ephesians 2:8-9 NKJV

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Philippians 2:13 NKJV

For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

Revelation: How does the distinction between sanctification as a status change versus moral improvement challenge your understanding of holiness?

Day 2: The Living Word That Transforms

Devotional: God's Word is not merely instruction—it's implantation. Like a seed planted in soil, Scripture carries divine life that transforms from the inside out. The Word doesn't just inform you; it reforms you. It discerns your heart's true motives and produces the fruit of righteousness you cannot manufacture yourself. Hiding God's Word in your heart isn't about memorization for performance; it's about nurturing the seed that will grow into Christlikeness. When temptation comes, you'll need more than religious knowledge—you'll need living truth rooted deep within. Today, don't just read Scripture; receive it with meekness. Ask the Holy Spirit to plant His Word so deeply in your heart that it changes your desires, not just your behavior. Let the implanted Word save your soul.

Reading:

James 1:21-25 NKJV

Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

Jeremiah 31:33-34 NKJV

“But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall everyman teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

Revelation: How can we discern whether we are planting and nurturing God's Word in our hearts versus merely reading it as information or instruction?

Day 3: Walking in Newness of Life

Devotional: Salvation changes your status; sanctification changes your lifestyle. Like an engagement ring that declares a new relationship, your identity in Christ announces that you no longer belong to yourself. You are the bride of Christ, set apart for His purposes. But the ring only matters when you wear it—when you live according to your new identity. Walking in newness of life isn't about trying harder to be good; it's about embracing who you already are in Christ. You've died to sin and been raised to new life. This is positional truth that must become practical reality. Today, "put on" the new self by consciously choosing to live as who God says you are. Your holiness flows from your identity, not your achievements. Live like you're engaged to the King.

Reading:

Romans 6:1-4 NKJV

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Ephesians 4:22-24 NKJV

That you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Revelation: How can we embrace the new life in Christ daily in practical ways, similar to how a married person lives according to their new status?

Day 4: Abiding, Not Achieving

Devotional: Jesus didn't say, "Work harder for Me." He said, "Abide in Me." The difference is everything. A branch doesn't strive to produce fruit—it simply stays connected to the vine, and fruit comes naturally. Your spiritual life isn't measured by how many religious activities you complete but by how deeply you dwell in Christ. When you live in Him—making your home in His presence, His Word, His grace—the inheritance becomes accessible, not because you've earned it, but because you belong. Stop treating Jesus like a side relationship you visit occasionally. He must be your life, your everything. Today, evaluate where you've substituted religious activity for genuine abiding. Commit to dwelling in His presence, trusting that as you remain connected, He will produce fruit for His glory.

Reading:

John 15:1-8 NKJV

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

1 Thessalonians 4:3 NKJV

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;

Revelation: What does it mean practically to 'abide in Christ' in your daily life, and how might this differ from simply attending church or reading the Bible?

Day 5: The Glorious Inheritance Awaits

Devotional: An incorruptible, undefiled inheritance is reserved in heaven for the sanctified—not for the perfect performers, but for those being made holy by God's grace. This inheritance isn't earned through flawless church attendance or moral superiority; it's received through faith-filled surrender to the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit. Without holiness, no one will see the Lord—not because God is harsh, but because holiness is the very compatibility with His nature that allows us to dwell in His presence. The question isn't whether you've been good enough, but whether you've entrusted yourself to God, engaged His Word, and embraced the new life He's given. Today, receive afresh the promise that God Himself is preparing you for glory. Your inheritance is secure, kept by His power through faith. Walk worthy of this calling.

Reading:

1 Peter 1:3-5 NKJV

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Hebrews 12:14 NKJV

Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

Acts 20:32 NKJV

“So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Revelation: What does it mean that holiness is positional more than moral, and how should this truth affect the way we view our identity in Christ?