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Sanctification

2nd Thessalonians 2:13

But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren, beloved of the Lord because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

Paul is emphasizing the importance of believing the truth. Paul was continuing giving thanks to the Lord for the believers. He was thankful for their salvation which was based on God's choice of them.

His work in them through the Spirit and the Word, and their ultimate glorification. God had chosen the Thessalonians to be His people, set apart as holy to Him.

Their salvation was accomplished by the Spirit when they placed their faith in Jesus.

Take note of the balance of the Spirit and the truth [the Word]. The Spirit without the Word is mute, He has nothing to say. The Word without the Spirit is lifeless, it has no power to act.

The work of the Spirit is always united with the work of the Word to convict the believer of the truth. Just like the Thessalonians, every Christian is called to be set apart from the world's actions.

When we become a Christian, we become a new creation (***Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new—2nd Corinthians 5:17***). Old desires and craving don't go away overnight, but as one yield themselves to the Spirit they will be in the process of sanctification.

When we accept salvation, Jesus immediately comes into our heart. You can tell that He has entered because you will know within yourself there has been a change.

No one can tell you if you're saved. You have to know that for yourself. You will automatically want to know about the One that has given you new life.

You will find yourself reading the Bible on a daily basis. No one will have to tell you to read the Bible or pray, it comes naturally.

Because Jesus has entered your heart, your mind will become as His; wanting to please the Father. You're not going to say nothing or have actions that you know will offend the Father.

When we have not received salvation we will continue to live the lifestyle we were living prior to supposedly receiving salvation. No way Christ can be residing in our hearts and we still living the old lifestyle.

Salvation and sanctification goes hand and hand, you can't have one without the other. When we receive Jesus as our Savior, He gives us wisdom, righteousness, and sanctification (***But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption—1st Corinthians 1:30***).

We can't do this on our own, it's only through Christ and no other. Although Jesus gives us sanctification, we too have a part to play.

We can't look or listen to everything and think it's okay with God. The God we serve is Holy and He wants His people to be holy.

Sanctification only means you have dedicated your entire spirit, soul and body to God. We have to allow Jesus to sanctify us as we play our part (***For both He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren—Hebrews 2:11***).

Sanctification is not a denomination, it's a lifestyle for all those who profess to be Christians. So many Christians are professing to be Christians but their life style is completely different from what the Bible has instructed a Christians should be.

We can't live as carnal Christians, if so we will be enemies of God (***Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be - Romans 7:8***). When we disobey the Word of God it hinders us to receiving answers to our prayers.

Many believe their saved because they came to the altar and joined a church. Others believe their saved because they were baptized. How do you know if you're actually saved? Who do you talk about the most? How much time do you spend with Him in prayer and studying His Word? Have your lifestyle and communication reflect that of a Christian?

Satan will make one think their saved to keep them from receiving true salvation. When Christ has made entrance into the heart, one will begin to live like a Christian; comparing their lifestyle with the Word of God (***Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your ownelves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?***

This is why Christians should ask for the Holy Spirit when they become Christians, He will assist them in living a Christian lifestyle.

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He opens our understanding to Scriptures. The Fruit of the Spirit and gifts of the Spirit operates through Him dwelling in us.

Too many times we try to interpret the Word of God when the interpreter is not living within us. We can't understand the Word of God with our intellect (***But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned—1st Corinthians 2:14***). We can't apply the Word if we don't understand.

God wants us to know Him; this is why He spoke to godly men, and they wrote it down so others would know what God is saying and how He expects His people to live. Thank God, for the men who God choose to study the truth of His Word and having it printed so people in every country would know their Creator.

He gives the Holy Spirit so His people will have close fellowship with Him and will be able to live according to the instructions He has given. We can't have a relationship with God if we're not trying.

Try not talking to your spouse two or three days and see how the relationship will go. God is greater than our spouse, but many don't talk to Him until they want something, treating Him like He's Santa Claus.

Prayer is our communication with God, and we should do it on a daily basis. There will be times we can't or don't pray daily, but don't make it a habit; bad habits are hard to break. Consistent prayer builds our faith; it builds our relationship with the Father and it enables us to resist sin. Having the dwelling of the Holy Spirit enables us to build ourselves spiritually (***But ye beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost—Jude 1:20***).

We can't pray in the Spirit if He's not dwelling within us.

God is holy and He wants His people to be holy; the only way we can worship Him in spirit and in truth is by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will not enter anyone that is not willing to live a life separated from the world's standards.

Christians are the bride of Christ. He's returning for His bride and His bride must be holy to return with Him (***Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord—1st Thessalonians 5:17***). Those who remain living a godly lifestyle will go with Him; and those who rejected and lived as carnal Christians will be left behind to go through the Great Tribulation.

Everything we shouldn't do as Christians isn't written in the Bible; but when you have been filled with His Spirit, we will know what is acceptable and what isn't (***And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God—Romans 12:2***). The Spirit within us will alert us what we're saying or doing is not acceptable with God.

God will never tell us to do something He has not empowered us to do (***According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue—2nd Peter 1:3***). Everything we need to live this Christian life He has given us through the indwelling of His Spirit.

We have to have a mindset that we will live according to His Word. Whatever we put our minds to do; the majority of the time we will do it. We will not allow nothing to stop what we have made up in our minds to do.

That's the same way we should be about the things of God.

God's desire for His people is to come into the knowledge of Him by fellowship with Him through prayer and reading His Word. Whatever we make time to schedule that will we will do; we should do the same with scheduling God in our time.

What's important with us, we will make time. Our spiritual growth should be just as important. Spiritual growth brings about sanctification.

Daniel and his companions were teenagers when they were captured and taken to Babylon. As teenagers they had purposed in their heart they would not defile themselves with the king's meat.

They would not allow their captivity make them sin against God and the teaching they had been taught. Because they served God in the beauty of holiness they were promoted in different positions in Babylon.

Satan is the god of this world, and he has influenced professing Christians to do things they shouldn't as Christians. Such things as pornography, liquor, drugs, adultery, fornication, and the list can go on and on. Because they're not being prayerful and watchful.

Many Christians can stay on social media for hours, but will not pickup their Bibles and read for thirty minutes. Follow other people on social media but will not follow the instructions God has given them.

When one has not truly received salvation they can always find other things to do other than feeding their spirit. Just like the body has to be fed to sustain good health, it's the same thing with our spirit. If we don't feed it the Word of God or listen to different teaching and music that lifts God and not Satan we're not feeding our spirit.

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Our spirit will grow weak and we will start looking for things of the world. Your spirit must be fed just like your physical body.

The more you feed your spirit the more your spirit will dominate and not your flesh.

Sanctification will cause you to go through different trials and test because of your dedication to God, but if you hold on to God and not what you're feeling and not faint, you will reap the benefits of your dedication.

Job was a man that loved God and eschew evil, meaning, he knew the difference between godliness and ungodliness. The things he knew were ungodly, he didn't entertain them.

Job was tested by Satan, not God. Satan had to ask for permission before he could touch him. God knew the faithfulness of Job so He allowed Satan to test him.

Somethings we go through as Christians we're being tested in our faith. Don't faint, Satan has to get permission. Once he receives permission, he can't take your life. You were bought with a price. You belong to God, Satan can make your life miserably, but he can't take your faith unless you handed to him.

Christians are soldiers and they can take blows without falling because they have on the armor of God. We don't put on a piece, but the whole armor in order to fight against the attacks of Satan.

A soldier is always dressed for battle because they never know where the enemy make attack, but they will be prepared when the attack is on. The armor of God is having our lions girt about with truth. Breastplate of righteousness. Feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Shield of faith enabling them to quench the fiery darts of the wicked one.

Having on the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit.

Praying in the Holy Spirit will keep Satan from knowing what you're praying about. This is why it is so important to receive the Holy Spirit.

You may have fell in your Christian walk, but you don't have to stay there. Confess your sin (***If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness—1st John 1:9.*** We can't receive forgiveness or help when we think what we're doing isn't wrong.

We can't serve God by what we think is right, we must align ourselves with His Word. What His Word says is right and we must live according to it.

We don't grow over night into spiritual giants. It's a process and time, but as we continue to seek the things of God, there will be a spiritual change. The more we seek God, the more we become more in His image.

He wants to see Himself being on display in us. If were displaying the things of the world, He is not on display, but the god of this world is.

Set aside time to pray, make it a time when you know you can keep it. It maybe early in the morning, or late at night when others are sleeping. Make time you will read His Word and don't allow nothing to get in the way of you spending that time with Him.

Too many times we want God to do everything. We have a part to play in the sanctification and spiritual growth. We have to decide if we want to stay baby Christians, carnal Christians or mature Christians. We have to make time we will spend with God.

Satan will always try to influence you to do something else because he doesn't want you to know the Father.

He doesn't want you to grow because he wants to keep you bound. God's people are destroyed because of the lack of knowledge (***My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge—Hosea 4:6.*** The cause of man's problem is it does not stem from a shortage of information, but rather from rejection of information. The Bible is full of information on how to live as a Christian, but many will not take the time to read the information or they will reject the information because they want to live according to their will and not God's will.

It's not hard to live as a Christian when your heart has been changed and you have made a mindset you will live to please God.

The best life you could ever live is living a sanctified life. A life that is pleasing to God. A lifestyle that will enable you to meet the Father and hear Him say, "Well done, My good and faithful servant".

A sanctified life is a happy life, filled with peace, happiness, and joy. This is what the Father gives us when we live a sanctified life, set apart for Him.

Sanctification brings about victory every time Satan tries to defeat us, the Holy Ghost [Holy Spirit] will lift up a standard for us.

When Christ is living in us, and we're living in Him, we are more than conquerors through Him. Submit yourselves completely and totally to the Father, it comes with new benefits every morning (***Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation—Psalm 68:19.***

Sanctification is total surrender to God and His Word. You can do it through His grace.



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If you have not received Jesus as your Lord and Savior, all you have to do is ask God to forgive you of your sins. Let Him know that you are aware that you have not submitted yourself to the Lord or His doctrine. Ask God to forgive you of your sins. Ask Him to save you, tell Him you accept His salvation by His Son.

If you believe that Jesus is the Son of God, if you believe that Jesus died for your sins. If you believe that He was risen from the grave. Then you are saved.

Confess with your mouth that you're saved.

Romans 10:9-11

That if thou shall confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

For the Scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed.

If you have truly accepted salvation, your heart and spirit has been changed. You will feel the cleanliness within your spirit and heart. Now it's your responsibility to read the Word of God, pray, fast and submit yourself to the Word of God. If you can attend worship service at church or at your facility, you should attend to be strengthen spiritually. As you submit yourself to the doctrine of the Bible you will see a change in your character and attributes.

You can't receive salvation and stay the same. That was the reason Jesus died so that you would be free from the bondage of sin. You can't change yourself, He will change you, if you allow Him.

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