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An Advocate of Scriptural Holiness.

And an Highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness.

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SANCTIFICATION

In further considering this subject we wish to consider some definitions as well as Scripture passages.

One has defined Sanctification in the following terms: "It is that act of God's grace whereby the heart is purified and the affections and desires are alienated from the world and exalted to a supreme love to God and man." Note it is "that act of God's grace" by which the heart is made pure. We cannot purify our own hearts. We simply meet the conditions as set forth in the word of God and He does the purifying or sanctifying. But says one, Are we not commanded to sanctify ourselves? Yes. That brings us to the place where it is fitting to give the secondary meaning of the word sanctify, namely, to set apart, to dedicate to sacred or holy use. This latter is our part and is comprehended in entire consecration.

Some have the idea that we get it all when we get converted. But dear reader if you will study the first chapter of I. Thessalonians you will discover that those folk to whom the apostle was writing at Thessalonica were not a company of sinners. You will find that they were really and truly saved men and women. Indeed they had attained to a high state of justification. Just take time to note the different characteristics whereby we know for a certainty that they were well saved people, regenerated, born from above, new creatures in Christ Jesus. Then read on into the fourth chapter and you will find in the third verse that this is the will of God even their sanctification. Whose sanctification? These who have been delivered from idolatry, who were in God the Father, and in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose labor of love and work of faith and patience and a number of other qualities the apostle had commended. Sinners cannot get the experience of sanctification. Only those who are in a justified relationship with God can get sanctified.

Others will press the argument further, saying that they do not believe that God does a half way work in the hearts of men and women. To this we agree without debating the question. But what does God do for us when He regenerates or forgives? You will agree that He blots our our transgressions and remembers our sins against us no more forever, but hath removed them as far from us as the east is from the west. Hallelujah! No half way work about that. Surely not. The grandest thing you ever experienced. Not a single sin escapes the cleansing power of Jesus' blood. Each and every sin has been washed away. Glory to God!

What does God do when He sanctifies? According to Mr. Webster He cleanses or

purifies. Does the person whose sins have been forgiven need to be cleansed, or purified? Jesus says in John the fifteenth chapter that "every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." So we see it is Christians and not sinners that He purges. What is in the heart of a believer or one whose sins have been forgiven to be cleansed out? **Carnality, inbred sin, the old man, the flesh**, by which terms it is variously spoken of in the Scriptures. That it still remains in the heart after one has been saved though it does not reign, is well known both by experience and by the Holy Scriptures. Many have taught that one cannot get delivered from this while in this life. But thank God there is deliverance through Jesus Christ our Lord. Some have supposed that the best that can be done is to keep under subjection this principle of sin, "the old man," and in the hour of death they will be set free from it. But beloved now is God's time and it is His will that we should be here and now delivered from all sin. Hear the precious promise as given by the beloved apostle, "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins: and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." He is just as faithful to cleanse as He is to forgive. He forgives our transgressions (actual sins) **the first work of grace:** and cleanses us from the carnal mind (inbred sin, that disposition, that we had when born into this world that inclined us toward evil and that continually) **the second work of grace.**

To be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God is the privilege of every believer, and the expectation of God concerning every one of His children. It is necessary for the Christian to enable Him to live according to the will of God. Some look on this as being a luxury rather than a necessity. We must have holiness to get into heaven. We obtain this Holiness when we are baptized with the Holy Ghost. And the apostle Peter declares they received the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost and also states that their hearts were purified instantaneously at the time they received the Holy Ghost. **Thus we see clearly from the Scriptures that he who states that he received the Holy Ghost at some subsequent time after having been sanctified is mistaken and is teaching contrary to the doctrine of the apostles.** Let us continue steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship.

Some may say how do you account for the mistake of those who claim they received the Holy Ghost after they had been sanctified? I think sometimes at least, it may be accounted for in this way—these had been converted, but through neglect of duty lost out with the Lord. Then when they realized their need of help in

a spiritual way they sought the experience of holiness but began confessing their sins, then in answer to fervent, earnest prayer, the Lord blessed them and renewed them and they took it for sanctification when in reality they were only reclaimed. Then later when they received the Holy Ghost, they thought they received the Holy Ghost after they were sanctified, but in reality they were sanctified when they received the Holy Ghost. **Entire sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost are not separate experiences.** One is not sanctified wholly till he receives the Holy Ghost. Let us stay with the Bible. If your experience does not harmonize with the Bible get an experience that will.—K. in Holiness Banner.

HUMAN RESPONSIBILITY.

God has given Christ to be your Saviour. He has given you the power of choice. He has given you every incentive to forsake sin and choose salvation. If you are lost, there will be but one being in the universe to blame, yourself.—H. O. Fanning.

Let no one be discouraged who is hungering and thirsting after righteousness, who is longing for a clean heart, who wants to be delivered from inward uprisings, unclean desires, impure imaginations and carnal impulses. Jesus is mighty to save. Come to him. Come to him at once. Come to him with all your heart. Consecrate body, mind, family, property. Do not be afraid to trust the intelligence and integrity of Jesus Christ. He is perfectly safe. We can risk our all with him. He loves us. He died for us. He ascended into heaven for us. He makes intercession for us. He is able to save to the uttermost. Come to Jesus for whatever you need with regard to the whole sin problem. He is absolute master in the whole realm of sin. He can forgive your transgressions. He can cleanse your heart. He can make you whiter than the snow. Come to Jesus.—Dr. H. C. Morrison.

"The very God of peace sanctify you wholly," for this is the will of God, even your sanctification.

We have seen people who said they wanted more religion when the fact was that if they had had any more of the kind that they had they would have been worse off, for they had a mean kind.

The central idea of the Bible is holiness. The whole machinery of redemption has for its aim the realization of this idea—holiness to the Lord.

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