

On Knowing That I Am Sanctified

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We are enjoined by the Bible to follow holiness and we feel it is necessary for us to do this if we are to prove "What is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" for full-hearted obedience is impossible where a divided affection and attraction remain. This work is primarily a cleansing of the heart from those things which hinder us from enjoying this experience. There are many effects which follow and we shall name a few.

1. A deepened God-consciousness and nearness of His presence, coupled with a closer fellowship in prayer. This results in sweeter seasons of devotion, and delight in oneness with Him.

2. A sense of triumph as we achieve greater victories in the heart realm as well as in outward ones. With this we may add a deeper sensitivity to sin and the building of a stronger defence against temptation.

3. An increased ability to make progress. Before sanctification one is liable to follow more or less of an alternating pattern between zeal and lack of interest, between enthusiasm and unconcern, between warmth and coldness, as outside influences bear in upon us. In this, faith becomes easier, and by our realization of being set free from the law of sin and death we can more easily believe God for further achievement.

4. A greater enjoyment and understanding of the Word of God. Many truths and passages never before understood are illuminated by the new light of the indwelling Spirit.

5. A willingness, if need be, to sacrifice social standing and the approval of those who have been friends. Obedience to God becomes natural and His approval preferable to the favor of men.

6. A liberty in public prayer and testimony. Sometimes it is very hard for a young Christian to take his place in this way, also for those who are naturally timid, and some who are converted late in life. But the coming of His Spirit liberates our tongue and we gladly become witnesses.

While all these results may be experienced, to some extent in the life of every Christian, yet there is an immediate deepening of them all as the consecrated believing heart appropriates the inner cleansing through the precious Blood of Jesus.

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LOST: A BOY

Not kidnapped by bandits and hidden in a cave to weep and starve and raise a nation to frenzied searching. Were that the case, 100,000 men would rise to the rescue if need be. Unfortunately, the losing of this lad is without dramatic excitement, though very sad and very real.

In fact, his father lost him. Being too busy to sit with him at the fireside and answer his trivial questions during the years when a father is the only great hero of a boy, he let go his hold.

Yes, his mother lost him, too. Being much engrossed in her teas, dinners, and club programs, she let the maid hear the boy say his prayers, and thus her grip slipped and the boy was lost to his home.

Aye, the church lost him, too. Being so much occupied with sermons for the wise and elderly who pay the bills, and having good care for the dignity, the minister and elders were unmindful of the human feelings of the boy in the pew, and made no provision in sermon or song or manly sport for his boyishness. And so the church and many sad-hearted parents are now looking earnestly for the lost boy.

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It certainly Pays

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TEXT: I TIM. 4:8 ("Godliness is profitable unto all things, having the promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come)."

So many people seem to regard the life of sin as normal and unavoidable. It is accepted as the thing to be expected.

Well sin is normal in the life to which man has become naturalized, through the fall of Adam, but the life of sin is not normal, according to God's original purpose in the creation of man.

Personally, I want to get God's present normal life for myself, which we believe to be Second Blessing Holiness.

"God hath chosen us in Christ, before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love" and "that we should serve Him without fear, in Holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life" (Ephesians 1:4; Luke 1: 74-75).

SIN STARTS MAN OUT UNDER A HANDICAP

"Behold I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me." So said the Psalmist.

To the sinner, in his sin and solitude, God seems so far away, and it seems so hard to believe that He hears us when we cry; sin raises its barriers between us and God. Yes! **SIN, MAKES FOR A SLAVERY THAT IS WORSE THAN DEATH.**

Its victim often cries "O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" (Rom. 7: 24).

SIN PURSUES ITS CAPTIVE TO HIS FINAL HOUR

Sin destroys all peace, and makes man's death a frightful thing. 'For the sting of death is sin' (I Cor. 15-56).

SIN FOLLOWS THE SINNER BEYOND DEATH TO THE FINAL JUDGMENT

There God will render to every man, according to his deeds.

The church fathers put it this way: "The misery of our fallen estate consists in that we are without communion with God, subject to the miseries of this life and to the death of the body, and are liable, through following the desires of our own heart, to the pains of hell forever."

BUT THANKS BE TO HIS HOLY NAME, God hath not left mankind in this condition of sin and misery, but hath provided redemption whereby all men may be delivered from the guilt, the power, the pollution, and the punishment of sin, and be restored to the favor and to the image of God.

Hallelujah! **THE LORD GOD OMNIPOTENT REIGN-ETH.**

(To Be Continued)

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WARNING!

Mr. Wesley wrote to Alexander Mather in a letter not found in Wesley's works, but quoted by Leyerman, "No, Aleck, no! The danger of ruin to Methodism does not lie here. It springs from a different quarter. Our preachers, many of them, are fallen. They are not spiritual. They are not alive to God. They are soft, enervated, fearful of shame, toil, hardship. They have not the spirit which God gave to Thomas Lee at Patley Bridge, or to you at Boston. Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin, and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen. Such alone will shake the gates of hell, and set up the Kingdom of Heaven upon earth."—Selected.