

Sermon Notes 01.03.2016 - A Clean Start in Life & Discipline that Marks Us As His God's Love for Us In Our Old Condition

Romans 5:6-11 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. **8** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. **9** Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. **10** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. **11** And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

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THE DEBT HAS BEEN PAID – YOU ARE SAVED – By Grace, through faith, by His Blood

But there is more - The things that accompany salvation

Hebrews 6:9-12 But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany salvation, though we are speaking in this way. **10** For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints. **11** And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, **12** so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

There is More

Malachi 3:16-18 Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD gave attention and heard *it*, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who esteem His name. **17** "They will be Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "on the day that I prepare My own possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him." **18** So you will again distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

Paul told Christians – Who Were Already Saved – They Needed Sanctification

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **24** Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

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- Give Up Ownership
- Surrender
- Show yourself sacred/holy

It is an Identification Issue – a controversy over ownership that we must address and one day settle

Sanctification - God does it , We do it, God and we do it – It's not “Either / Or” – It's Both

“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely;” **1 Thessalonians 5:23**

"...sanctify yourselves and prepare for your brethren to do according to the word of the LORD by Moses." **2 Chronicles 35:6**

“For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in *further* lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification. **Romans 6:19**

At Many Times and Places – God's Work of Sanctification is Open to those who pursue it

Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.

Hebrews

12:14

Being trained in God's ways is God's way of Marking Us as His Own

Hebrews 12:11-14 All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.
12 Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, **13** and make straight paths for your feet, so that *the limb* which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed. **14** Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.

You can tell who people were trained by – Learn well – Be Sanctified – Be His

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