

Salvation Daily

Romans 6:5-13 ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

❖ Good Stuff For You Today

- I got a book for you to read...
- But first let me tell you why... then I will tell you what it is and why I am using it

❖ My Concern

➤ Your Confusion:

- Do I truly abide...
- And you should be asking yourself this question
 - Examine Yourself

➤ These verses are too keep you close to Christ

- He says as much:
 - So you will not fall away
- They are real warnings...

➤ Abiding does not mean Perfection

- Abiding does not mean you never struggle
- Doesn't mean you never fight

➤ My Hope:

- Jesus words: If you abide in my words you are truly my disciple
 - Has cause the believers in this room to take a long look in the mirror
 - ◆ And say to themselves, I ought to walk as He walked
 - ◆ No more excuses
 - And you have entered the following days with a renewed sense of urgency in your walk with Jesus
- I also hope it helped show some of you that you do not Abide in Jesus
 - Hopefully you are able to tell that His spirit does not live with you
 - Causing you to walk in His ways
 - Convicting you of sin
 - Leading you in righteousness
 - Making you so uncomfortable in sin
- And today you want to be saved

➤ Confusion: If I am truly saved, shouldn't I be further along than I am?

- If I am truly saved, then why do I have sins that I struggle with consistently?
- If you have these questions... I want to help you to understand a very important teaching in the Bible
- **Sanctification...**
 - Now, on the flip side, do not take this idea of Sanctification and just apply it haphazardly to an unrepentant, unconfessing, unbelieving, non following of Jesus life.

❖ Sanctification in the Everyday

- **Because** of my concern for your confusion and possible guilt and shame
 - I wanted to make sure you understood we are a work in progress... not yet done...
 - No matter what anyone else wants to tell you
- **So in the process** of my research and study... I stumbled upon a small free book by John Piper
 - Called Sanctification in the Everyday...
 - And I want to commend it to you all to read... it is like 51 pages long
 - It consists of three sermons he preached and then a very helpful practical appendix
 - With practical helps in fighting against the sin that attacks us...
- **You can download** it from www.desiringgod.org in the Section called resources find a link for books
 - Click on books, and then scroll and find Sanctification in the Everyday...
 - Then you can download it for free... Works on ipad, kindle, iphone, laptop, desktop...
 - And you can also print it out on paper... You could do front and back and get it in 25 pages...
 - Well worth it..

❖ What is Sanctification

- Before We look at these verses, let me just give you a brief definition
- We have defined this term MANY times before...
- **Lets say this word together...**
 - I want everyone in this room to know this word...
 - Just like a basketball player knows Free Throw
 - Or a football player knows Touchdown
 - The Christian should know the word Sanctification... as well as others like Justification...
 - But for today, Sanctification is what we are looking at
- **Sanctification.... Sanctification... Sanctification.... For the Believer**
 - Defined...: That Sovereign act of God, whereby He sets apart a person for holy use.
 - It is a matter of position with God on one hand...
 - ◆ Whereby... the person has been made holy and set a part for God's possession
 - ◆ And this is an already done deal
 - On the Other Hand it is a matter of process in Which God Works and so does the Person
- Lets look at some verses here that I believe describe what is going on:

❖ Union with Jesus begins the Work of Sanctification

- **His Death Means Our Future Resurrection**
 - ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.
- **Our Sinful Self Was Crucified With Jesus – Which produces the gradual destruction of sin in our lives**
 - ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.
 - Brought to nothing...
 - Brought here means...
 - No longer enslaved to sin

❖ How Our Forgiveness and Given Righteousness Was Acquired

- **His Death Meant our Death and His Life Meant our Life**
 - ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.
- **Jesus Will Never Die Again... He has conquered Death**

- ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.
- **He Suffered Once for Our Sins and Now Lives to God**
 - ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.
- ❖ **How We are To Live It Out**
 - **Consider Yourselves Dead to Sin**
 - ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.
 - **Don't Let Sin Win**
 - ¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.
 - **Do not Give Over Your Body to Unrighteousness**
 - ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness,
 - **Present Yourselves to God as you ought to be**
 - but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.
- ❖ **Practical Biblical Principles to aid your Sanctification**
 - **1. In the death of Christ we died.**
 - “We have been united with him in a death like his” (Romans 6:5)
 - Therefore: “You also must consider yourselves dead to sin” (Romans 6:11).
 - **2. In the death of Christ we were bought.**
 - “You are not your own, for you were bought with a price” (1 Corinthians 6:19–20).
 - Therefore: “Glorify God in your body” (1 Corinthians 6:20).
 - **3. In the death of Christ we were forgiven.**
 - “God in Christ forgave you” (Ephesians 4:32).
 - Therefore: “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another” (Ephesians 4:32).
 - **Do You See How God Works, Then We Work?**
 - This is what has happened to you...
 - Now... therefore... you do this..
 - **Examples:**
 - Romans 7:6—“We died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.”
 - 1 Peter 4:11—“Whoever serves, let him do it as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.”
 - 1 Corinthians 15:10—“By the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.” I worked. But it was the grace of God that was working in my working.
- ❖ **Recap:**
 - **First: It Is Jesus work on the Cross that makes it possible for us to defeat the sins in our life**
 - **Second: Our Will is Empowered for this Work**
 - **First Sin is Cancelled**
 - **Secondly Sin is Conquered**
 - **Jesus Cancels all of your sin on the cross...**
 - It is gone, it is finished, it is wiped away
 - **The Spirit Empowers you to conquer the sin in your life...**
 - **First sin is cancelled and then it is conquered...**
 - **Your Conquering of sin does not cancel it....**

- It has already been cancelled by the Work of Jesus on the Cross
- That is GLORIOUS NEWS

❖ How We Should Live and Fight

- **Philippians 2:12–13**, Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.
- **Work Out Your Salvation....**
 - It has in mind this day to day grinding of you walk with Jesus
- **Fear and Trembling**
- **For it is God Who works in You...**
- **Both to will and to work for his good pleasure....**
 - That is the reason you fear and tremble
- **Fear and Trembling**
 - Work and will to kill your sin, and do it with fear and trembling, because God Almighty,
 - Maker of heaven and earth, Redeemer, Justifier, Sustainer, Father, Lover
 - is so close to you that your working and willing are his working and willing.
 - Tremble at this breathtaking thought. God Almighty is in you.
 - God is the one in you willing. God is the one in you working.
 - You are acting a miracle.
 - Your action is God’s action in fighting your sin.
 - Your willing is God’s willing.

❖ Practical Steps to use: ANTHEM

- **A Avoid as much as possible and reasonable the sights and situations that arouse unfitting desire.**
 - “Avoiding” is a Biblical strategy.
 - “Flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness” (2 Timothy 2:22).
 - “Make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires” (Romans 13:14).
- **N Say No to every lustful thought within five seconds.**
 - And say it with the authority of Jesus Christ. “In the name of Jesus, No!”
 - You don’t have much more than five seconds.
 - Give it more unopposed time than that, and it will lodge itself with such force as to be almost immovable.
 - As John Owen said, “Be killing sin or it will be killing you.” Strike fast and strike hard.
 - “Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (James 4:7).
- **T Turn the mind forcefully toward Christ as a superior satisfaction.**
 - Attack the promises of sin with the promises of Christ.
 - The Bible calls lust “deceitful desires” (Ephesians 4:22).
 - They lie. They promise more than they can deliver.
 - The Bible calls them “passions of your former ignorance” (1 Peter 1:14).
 - Only fools yield. “All at once he follows her, as an ox goes to the slaughter” (Proverbs 7:22).
 - Deceit is defeated by truth.
- **H Hold the promise and the pleasure of Christ firmly in your mind till it pushes the other images out.**
 - “Fix your eyes on Jesus” (Hebrews 3:1).
 - Here is where many fail. They give in too soon.
 - Hold it! Don’t let it go! Keep holding it! How long? As long as it takes.
 - Fight! For Christ’s sake, fight till you win!
- **E Enjoy a superior satisfaction. Cultivate the capacities for pleasure in Christ.**

- One reason lust reigns in so many is that Christ has so little appeal.
 - We default to deceit because we have little delight in Christ.
 - You were created to treasure Christ with all your heart—more than you treasure sex or sugar.
 - If you have little taste for Jesus, competing pleasures will triumph.
- **Plead with God for the satisfaction you don't have:**
 - “Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days” (Psalm 90:14).

➤ **M Move into a useful activity away from idleness and other vulnerable behaviors.**

- Lust grows fast in the garden of leisure.
- Find a good work to do, and do it with all your might.
 - “Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord” (Romans 12:11).
 - “Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:58).
 - ◆ Abound in work. Get up and do something. Sweep a room. Hammer a nail. Write a letter. Fix a faucet.
- **Displace deceitful lusts with a passion for good deeds.**

❖ **The Importance of Understanding God's Role and Our Role in the Sanctification Process**

- God is Working
- We Should be Working
- Some sins and weakness are removed immediately in the Life of the New Believer
- **Other Sins are there for Him to eradicate daily**
 - Through effort of His own
 - And reliance in God for the effort He gets
- **Why does God allow this: I am not completely sure, although I have my assumptions...**
 - But it is clear from the Scripture that we will continue to wage war against the sin that has been defeated already

❖ **God intends that part of our experience of sanctification be**

- the conscious, willed, opposition to specific sins in our lives.
- **We only say “part” of our experience** of sanctification
 - because this is not the whole work of sanctification.
 - In some areas of sin God simply takes away the desire
 - and the temptation is gone and we don't have to fight that fight any more.
 - I WISH THEY WERE ALL DONE THIS WAY>>> BUT THEY ARE NOT
- **But none of the commands I have referred to** (for example, to serve and to put sin to death)
 - would be in the Bible if God did not intend that some sins be defeated by conscious
 - opposition from our wills in the power of the Holy Spirit.