

Words!

Part 5: "Sanctification!"

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. **Proverbs 25.11**

Now know that the two great foundation stones of our faith are Mercy and Grace! (joined but different)

Mercy, making us right with God! Grace, making us able to be like God! The two, confidence and ability, making us unshakable... *We fly when the bottom falls out! We draw from the mind of Christ when everyone else is losing theirs! We rescue others who are unsecured!*

Justification: "We are *justified* freely by His grace thru the redemption that is in Christ Jesus!" **R3.24**

Sanctification: "If a man therefore purge himself he shall be a vessel unto honor, *sanctified*, and meet for the master's use." **2T2.21**

Left off talking thru the realities of "Justification..." *The creation and result of God's mercy!* They had a forgiveness plan from "the foundation of the world!" **A work of Jesus Christ for us!** We can add nothing to it; we believe and are made right thru faith in Him! **A Sovereign work of God, something that cannot be judged by men!** No one sees the heart of man but God!

Today look at the power twin... Sanctification!

If "Justification" is something God does on His own as *the result of His Mercy!* Then "Sanctification" is something we do in response to being justified... *Enabled by His grace to grow into the image of His dear Son!* We must have His F.B.G. because it's too big a task to do on our own... We accept the *imperative* to purge/purify. We are renewed and transformed by the power He gives!

God doesn't say, "You're saved now, so try to be good!" He says, "You're saved, now choose to be transformed and I will supply what you need!"

Sanctification is a co-operative process!

We are sanctified by God! "And the God of peace sanctify you wholly!" **1Thess 5.23 Jude1 By Jesus! Titus 2.14** "And that was some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, *you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus* and by the Spirit of our God." **1Cor 6.11** "By the new covenant we are sanctified *through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ*, once for all!" **Heb 10.10 By the Spirit!** Rom 15.16 2Thess2.13 **By the Word;** *cleansing us by the washing of the water of the word!* **Eph 5.26** sanctifying us *by truth!* **John 17.17 By Faith in Christ! Acts 15.9 26.18 By prayer;** *create in me a clean heart O' God!* **Ps 51.10 By fellowship;** becoming wise by walking with wise! **Prov 13.20 By our will;** *cleansing ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God!* **2Cor 7.1** *Not letting sin rule in our mortal bodies...* **Rom 6.12 By His chastening!** "He chastens us for our profit that we might be partakers of His holiness... yielding the peaceable fruit of righteousness!" **Heb 12.6-11**

Sanctification is separation from evil!

"This is the will of God, even your sanctification, *that you should abstain from fornication. That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor, not in the lusts of the unsaved... for God has called us to holiness.*" **1Thess 4.3-7** Neo-theos: "Got Jesus, got holiness!" Understand the itching ears syndrome?

"Be empowered by the grace that is in Christ Jesus... In a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and earth and some to honor and some to dishonor. *If a man therefore purges himself* he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and suitable for the Master's use, prepared for every good work." **2 Timothy 2.1, 20,21** "Having the promises of God *let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*" **2 Cor 7.1** "Take a look at the love God has for us that we should be called His sons... and it may not appear what we will become but we know that when He comes we will see how much like Him we have become... *and everyone with that hope in them purifies himself to be like Him!* **1John 3.1-3** "If you are risen with Christ seek those things which are from above and not on the things of the earth for you are dead and your life is now in Christ who is our life... *therefore put to death the connections to earthly things like*

fornication, impurity, runaway passions, worthless longings, greed... things you used to walk in..." **Col 3.1-7**
"Should we continue in sin so that grace abounds? God forbid. How can we who are dead to sin live in it any longer? Our old man is crucified with Him that the old body of sin might be destroyed, so that we don't serve sin... *so reckon yourself to be dead indeed to sin but alive unto God thru Jesus Christ the Lord.*" **Romans 6.1-11** "I preached that they should *change their thinking and turn to God and habitually do the works* that are suitable and equal to their reversal." **Acts 26.20**

Sanctification is separation from sin so that we can be wholly, hopelessly, devoted to God!

OT: separation of things for God's use! NT: mostly people! Set apart from something and for divine purposes...
"Purging out the old leaven **1Cor 5.7** and presented to God for reasonable service!" **Romans 12.2** Washed from sin/adorned with purity/ "meet" for the Master's use! **2Tim 2.21** *God may not desire for us to be rich or famous but He does will for us to be holy, separate and set apart for Him!*

"No devoted thing that a man will devote unto the Lord whether of man or beast or possession will be redeemed... every devoted thing is most holy unto the Lord!" **Lev 27.28** Cherem/Charam/Qodesh Principle! Cherem: doomed by dedication to God! Charam: secluded, set aside, God's use! Qodesh: consecrated, dedicated, hallowed, holy unto God!

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I am not going to confuse justification and sanctification any longer! Justification/Salvation is a work that God does and I cannot judge someone's salvation by what they do! "We accept what You did Jesus!"
Sanctification/Maturity in Holiness is something we do, that must be encouraged and judged! "You expect us to do!"

I will not reverse the roles of justification and sanctification! Mercy, not grace, covers my sin/failures... That means I don't get the F.B.G.'s to cover up my sin/sinful behavior! Can't say: "*not under law but grace!*" When we don't live up to grace and fall under the law we come back to Jesus for forgiveness/cleansing... **1John1.9, 2.1,2** Giving me repeated access to the dynamic of grace to overcome sin!

If we use grace to cover our sin, there will be no conviction for sin, just a wink and a pass to move ahead... and more sin with impunity with further separation from God...

But if we understand that sin is only covered by mercy, paid for at the Cross, we will move forward into grace wanting nothing further to do with the pain of sin!

On the foundation of God's crazy good love for me I am going to bear fruit that glorifies God! This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God *might be careful to maintain good works*. These things are good and profitable unto men... And *let ours also learn to maintain good works* for necessary uses, *that they be not unfruitful.* **Titus 3.8, 14**