



Essentials of Faith—Sanctification

Part 5 of 6 Psalm 19:8

Pastor Dan Turpin

WestCoastChurch.com

Objective Sentence: Everyone can experience enlightenment from God's Word by embracing the principles of understanding in Psalm 19:8.

Introduction; This is the fifth message from **Psalms 19:7-11** which says: The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul [transformation]; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple [wisdom]; ⁸ the statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart [joy]; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes [enlightenment]; ⁹ the fear of the LORD is **clean**, enduring forever [sanctification]; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether [truth]. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, Yes, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. ¹¹ More-over by them Your servant is warned, and in keeping them there is great reward.

Daily Bread: A young lady applied for membership at the church where she accepted Jesus as her Savior. In the New Members interview she was asked, "What changes have you experienced since becoming a follower of Jesus and how are you dealing with the sin issues in your life?" "I lived a very disgusting life before giving my life to Jesus and to tell you the truth, I feel I'm a greater sinner now than I ever was before. Here's what I mean by that—before I began walking with Jesus I was a sinner running after sin, but now that I am saved; I'm a sinner running from sin!" The interviewer was impressed with her perceptive answer and she was received as a member of the church.

Two things to consider: Right Standing and Standing Right

- #1. Sanctification** (**Psalm 19:9** the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever. *(Sanctification has to do with our character and our conduct.)*)

- A. *Pastor Dan:* There are two aspects of salvation: one has to do with what God has accomplished for us through His death on the cross [God's work] and the other has to do with what we accomplish through our relationship with Jesus and His relationship with us [our work].**
1. **Right Standing** (*Titus 3:5* not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit [by the cleansing of the new birth— by spiritual transformation, regeneration—and by the renewing by the Holy Spirit]).
 - a. **Ephesians 2:8-9** For by grace you have been saved through faith and not of yourselves—it is the gift of God, not of works unless anyone should boast.
 - b. **Definition of sanctification—Websters:** (1) **To set apart** or consecrate for sacred use; (2) To make holy; purify.
Synonyms: Purification, dedication, exoneration, absolution, vindication, regeneration.
 - c. **A. W. Tozer:** The real followers of Jesus are odd people. They feel supreme love for **One** they have never seen. They talk every day with somebody they can't see. Believers expect to go to heaven on the virtue of someone else [Jesus Christ]. Believers empty themselves of themselves in order to be full. They admit to doing wrong, so they can be declared right. Believers humble themselves so they can be exalted. They are strongest when weak, and rich when poor. Followers of Jesus die so they can live, they give so they can receive. They see the invisible and hear the inaudible. Believers are odd people.
 - d. **1 Peter 2:9 NKJV** For you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.
 - e. **2 Corinthians 5:21** For God made Jesus who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
 - f. **P.C. Nelson:** Sanctification is a progressive work, carried on by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself through the power of the Holy Spirit, until we attain a perfect likeness to Christ; this may be a long process requiring many experiences and much discipline (**Romans 8:28-31**).
 - g. **Pastor Dan:** If forgiveness is all you seek from the Lord then you have only gone half the distance in your walk with God. Jesus not only wants to forgive you of your sins; He wants to cleanse you from the sins that He forgives. (**Romans 8:1** There is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus who walk not according the flesh but according to the Spirit]
 2. **Standing Right** (**1 John 2:15-17** Love not the world neither the things that are in the world. For all that is in the world; the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and pride of life is not of God but is of the world. And the world is passing away and the lust in it, but he or she who does the will of God will abide forever.)
 - a. **2 Timothy 2:22** Run away from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead pursue righteousness, faith, peace and love with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

- b. *P.C. Nelson:* Sanctification is the act of **separating oneself** from sin and wrongdoing by **dedicating** oneself to God.
- c. *Pastor Dan:* People wonder why God doesn't instantly take every sin out of their lives the moment they are saved. God instantly delivered me from an addiction to tobacco. But He left behind three others—alcohol, lust and resentment. Why didn't He take it all away at once? If God hasn't taken something out of your life; it has been left there so you will cry out for the power to take it away from yourself. If we do everything for our children they will not learn to do anything for themselves.
- d. **Colossians 3:5-6** So [you] put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. ⁶ Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming.
- e. *Pastor Dan:* There are three issues that you and I must deal with in our walk through life. The surface issues—those sins we can see and smell in a person's life. Next are those lying below the surface in the swallow areas of our hearts which are the emotional issues such as inferiority complexes, fear, anger, unforgiveness, depression, and all the negative family members associated with attitude. Then there are the spiritual issues of the heart—the motive behind all that we do.
- f. *Thomas Watson:* Who would have thought to have found adultery in David, and drunkenness in Noah, and cursing in Job? If God leaves a man to himself, how suddenly and scandalously may sin break forth in the holiest man on the earth! I say unto all, Watch. A wandering heart needs a watchful eye.
- g. *Thomas Brooks:* He that will play with Satan's bait will quickly be taken with Satan's hook.
- h. *P.C. Nelson:* It is not enough to be separated from evil, the person or things sanctified must be devoted to the use and service of God.
- i. *Author unknown:* When an individual becomes a follower of Jesus, he or she usually undergoes some radical life changes Through the first steps of spiritual growth and self-denial, a person gets rid of the large, obvious sins. But many ... stop there. They don't go on to eliminate the little sins that clutter the landscape of their lives.
- j. *Phillip Brooks:* Do not pray for easy lives; pray to be stronger people! Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers; pray for powers equal to your tasks. Then doing of your world shall be no miracle, but you shall be a miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself, at the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God.

Closing and Invitation; **1 Thessalonians 4:3-5, 7-8 NIV** It is God's will that you should be sanctified: [if it is God's will He will help you do all He commands you to do] that you should avoid sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, ⁵ not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God ... ⁷ For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. ⁸ Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit.

Matthew 16:24 He or she that saves their lives shall lose them and they who lose their lives for my sake shall find them. Unless you take up your cross and follow me you have no part with me.