

Scripture: Galatians 5

Lord's Day 32.86-87 #2

Singing: 287:1-3 – 68:1-4 – 35:1-6 – 317:1, 2, 3

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth. (Eph. 6:14a)

A. Most children of God live under their spiritual privileges: ponder 1 Cor 1:12 - Rom 5:9 - Rom. 5:11 - 6:22 – 7:6 – 8:1

B. We need to girt ourselves with Biblical truth to withstand the devil's attempt to confuse us about the twin graces of justification and sanctification

a. they are *twin graces*, but they are not *identical twins*

- justification is *legal position*, but sanctification is *experiential condition*

b. mixing them will not destroy your salvation but effect the joy of salvation

The Spiritual pitfalls hindering life of holiness (2)

II. Misunderstanding of riches of the Biblical teaching on sanctification

A. Holy Spirit used the word 'sanctify' in three different dimensions

1. As believers we are ***positionally sanctified*** in Christ: 1 Cor. 1:2; 6:11

2. As believers will be ***perfectly sanctified in Christ in glorification*** Eph. 5:27

3. As believers we are ***progressively sanctified through our spiritual journey***

a. united by faith to Christ *delivers us from our misery* (Col. 1:12-14)

b. united by faith to Christ *begins our spiritual warfare* (Gal. 5:16-17)

- though delivered from the *binding power and crushing penalty of sin*, we still face the *tempting presence and power of sin*

c. yet united to Christ, we will never be defeated (Rom. 8:36-39)

B. Compare Hebrews 12:14 and 12:24

1. Heb. 12:24 guarantees the perfected sanctification: *spirits made perfect*

2. Heb. 12:14 exhorts the progressive sanctification: *follow after holiness!*
 - God requires His children to *trust & obey (fight) & pray (Eph. 6:18)*

Application

A. What is *your misery* as fallen sinner? (John 8:32-35)

1. A life without God is a defeated and lost life here and hereafter

B. Good News: You don't need to continue to live in this defeated and lost life

1. Jesus receives all who are *in distress, discounted and in debt* (2 Sam. 22:1)

C. Objection: *But I don't have a new heart, so I am waiting for God to give it.*

1. Challenge your thinking for it is misguided

a. truth 1: *we need a new heart/spirit*

b. truth 2: *only God can give us this new heart/spirit for we are dead*

c. truth 3: *God promises that He will work this new heart (Ezek. 36)*

d. truth 4: *The new heart is the fruit of being united to Jesus by faith*

e. truth 5: *God calls you to turn to Him at once in childlike faith*

*Repent and turn yourselves from all your transgressions;
so iniquity shall not be your ruin.*

*Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed;
And make you're a new heart and a new spirit:*

For why will ye die, O House of Israel.

*For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the LORD God:
Wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.*

Ezekiel 18:30-32