

**Intro:**

Sanctification. READ WLC Q&A 75

EP (Main point of text): Christians do not live in bondage to sin because their relation to God's Law is no longer a Covenant of Works but a Covenant of Grace.

HP (Main application of text): *Don't live like slaves.*

**Move 1: God sanctified and sanctifies you.**

LC: "Sanctification is a work of God's grace, whereby they whom God hath, before the foundation of the world, chosen to be holy, are in time, through the powerful operation of his Spirit":

- *According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: (Eph 1:4). Justification dealt w/ guilt, sanctification, corruption.*
- *And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. (1Co 6:11). You didn't wash.*
- *...God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit ... (2Th 2:13)*

LC: "applying the death and resurrection of Christ unto them": READ Romans 6:4-6. New life.

**Move 2: God made you a saint able to approach Him in worship now.**

Explain: LC: "renewed in their whole man after the image of God":

- *And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; (Eph 4:23) Imperative. Why? Indicative.*
- *And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. (Eph 4:24). Can be told to be holy because the Spirit made you holy.*
- *"Definitive sanctification." Why Paul addresses Corinthians as "them that are sanctified." Eph 1:1, Phil 1, Col 1:2: "saints". Commanded to be holy, because Christ made holy.*

**Move 3:**      *God wants you to live more and more like the person He has made you to be.*

LC: “having the seeds of repentance unto life, and all other saving graces, put into their hearts”:

- *When they heard these things, they ... glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life. (Act 11:18) Effect of Spirit’s work is turning away from sin. Don’t want to be dirty any more in deeds of death, for have been given lovely life.*
- *Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. (1Jo 3:9) New nature hates sin. Old body sins (vs. 12/Rm. 7).*

LC: “those graces so stirred up, increased and strengthened, as that they more and more die unto sin, and rise unto newness of life”: Sanctification a “work”. Irreversible, but ongoing. “Progressive sanctification”:

- Ongoing process of growing in holiness that began inside you at regeneration: new birth that keeps growing into mature holy expression through you: 1) Mortify sin; 2) growth in grace.
- Living people are meant to walk and grow. Exercise yourself unto godliness: 1 Timothy 4:7.
- *But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, (Jud 1:20)*
- *And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. (Heb 6:11-12).*
- READ Ephesians 3:16-19.
- ... walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might ... (Col 1:10-11)
- Romans 6:14. Answers question of vss. 1-2. Only new nature by grace can live holy.
  - Not under the law does not mean freedom to sin, but freedom from sinning against the Law, which only new nature by grace can enjoy. Against Antinomianism.
  - Rom. 13:10: love is the fulfillment of the law. Obedience not legalism, but love.
  - Not Satan. “dominion”: lord over/rule. Grace frees from slavery to sin. Frees from condemnation so you don’t say, “why bother”. Instead, show: “I love you, Brother”.

**Conclusion:**

HP:      *Don’t live like slaves.*