



"LIFT UP YOUR EYES. AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

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Sanctification Is a Bible Doctrine

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Good morning to every listener of the broadcast. What a wonderful privilege is mine that I have the opportunity to bring you this broadcast every Sunday morning. But along with that privilege comes responsibility that I bring you the truth. My subject for today is a weighty one, for we are dealing with the second work of grace known as sanctification. But more on that right after this:

COME OVER INTO CANAAN

I came to Jordan's sullen stream;
With trusting heart I there had been
Directed by my Saviour's hand,
T'ward Canaan's bright and blessed
land.

My many sins were all forgiven,
My heart was clear with light from
heav'n,
And yet I longed for deeper grace,
In Canaan's blessed resting place.

I saw the death I had to die,
A death in which my soul did cry;
The fright'ning waves my heart did chill,
But I must yield, 'twas heaven's will.

O second grace! I find it sweet!
God's holy will is now complete:
The Father, Son, and Spirit reign;
All inward foes are surely slain.

Come over into the Canaan land,
Come over into the Canaan land,
Where figs and grapes so plenteous
grow,
Where milk and honey freely flow,
Come over into the Canaan land.

The workings and leadings of God with his people Israel under the direction of Moses as they fled the land of Egypt, forsook the house of bondage, crossed the Red Sea, wandered in the wilderness, and finally crossed the Jordan river into the land of Canaan, are all symbolic of the spiritual experiences in this dispensation of grace.

First, Egypt represents the yoke of sin, the house of bondage, under which Israel groaned and longed for deliverance. Is this not typical of those in sin today shackled with the burdens of their own transgressions? They long for freedom, but grope in darkness.

Second, the red sea deliverance is symbolic of the victory through Christ. God's people were no longer under the hand of the tyrant Pharaoh. They sang the song of deliverance on the opposite shore. They were free and happy. And justly so. Israel here represents the state of justification through grace. But had they really reached the place for which they had started? Indeed not. They had only begun. We trace their wanderings through the wilderness. We

hear their complainings. We see their dissatisfaction. Surely they have not reached their destination! There must be more and better things to come. Indeed, there is! But between them and the promised land of Canaan, lies the Jordan river! Some folks liken the crossing of the Jordan to the river of death after which the redeemed soul is received into heaven. But from the scriptures I see more than this. It represents a second definite work of grace wrought in the heart and life of one fully surrendered to the will and purpose of God. Conversion and a life free from sin is surely a high state of grace; nevertheless, it is not the complete sum of the Christian experience set forth in the New Testament. Different scriptures refer to sanctification from various standpoints. At this point let me show you by the scriptures that sanctification is a Bible doctrine.

The apostle Paul states that God hath "chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth", 2 Thess. 2:13. Sanctification is therefore a part of the work of salvation, and belongs to all of the Lord's people. Christ prayed earnestly that his disciples might have this experience as we read in the 17th chapter of John: "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. He did even more than pray for it. He gave his life that it might be accomplished. "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate." Heb. 13:12. But it is his own people that are to be sanctified, for Paul informs us that "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it: that he might sanctify and cleanse it", Eph. 5:25-26. In 1 Pet. 1:2 we see that the election of the people of God is "through sanctification of the Spirit" and again Paul writes: "For this

is the will of God, even your sanctification", 1 Thess. 4:3; and "the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it", 1 Thess. 5:23. So we must be "a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the Master's use", 2 Tim. 2:21. See the scriptures that clearly show sanctification is a Bible doctrine?

Someone who does not understand might ask: "Really, just what does sanctification mean?" The definition: 1. The act of consecrating, or of setting apart for a sacred purpose: consecration. 2. The act of sanctifying or making holy; or the state of being sanctified or made holy; the act of God's grace by which the affections of men are purified, or alienated from sin and the world, and exalted to a supreme love to God; also the state of being thus purified or sanctified.

Furthermore, the word sanctify means: 1. To make sacred or holy; to set apart to a holy or religious use; to consecrate by appropriate rites; to hallow. 2. To make holy or free from sin; to cleanse from moral corruption and pollution; to make fit for the service of God, and the society and employments of heaven. So you see by the definitions sanctify means two things; first a consecrating, or setting apart for religious use. This is the ceremonial use. The other pertains to the purifying and cleansing of the heart and affections. The law of Moses often referred to this term in a ceremonial way. Even the vessels were sanctified. They were not capable of being morally purified. So the tabernacle, the altar, the vessels of the tabernacle and the laver were "set aside" for sacred use. Even the

sanctifying of the people referred to their consecration, not a spiritual change wrought in their hearts. However, the New Testament term refers to the purifying of the hearts of men and women by the atoning blood of Christ. Only humans can receive this, but it is reserved for those who have already been justified from their actual transgressions through the blood of Jesus Christ. In other words, people must be genuinely converted to God, born again, and living for Him before they are candidates for sanctification. When Jesus prayed for his disciples to be sanctified he said, "I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me. See John 17. From this and many other scriptures we determine that sanctification is a second work of grace.

In the natural man sin exists in two forms: one being the sin-principle inherited from the fall of Adam. Because of his transgression death passed upon all. In Psalms 51:5 are some words which tell us something: "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity: and in sin did my mother conceive me". This text seems to show that an evil disposition is a part of man from the earliest moment of his existence. And the Apostle Paul very clearly states that we are all "by nature the children of wrath", Eph. 2:3.

The other form is that identified as one committed by the individual by his own consent and will after reaching the age of accountability, in other words, after one knows the difference between right and wrong. The outward sins are forgiven in justification and the heart is purged and purified in sanctification. We are not responsible for the sins of our foreparents, but by going into sin one has a "double-count" against them. Certainly, they were created "in right-

eousness and true holiness," but from this lofty estate they fell, thereby plunging the world into darkness of sin: for all have received from them, through natural generation, an evil nature. From this fact it is evident that when we are born into the world though we are perfectly innocent, we are one degree below the line of perfect holiness, since we possess the nature of sin.

Therefore, the plan of salvation is so designed to have a "double-cure". In the song, "Rock of Ages" do you not remember the words which say, "be of sin the double cure?" This is what the writer was speaking of. So again, going back to the symbolic language I say the crossing of the Jordan applies to that richer and fuller experience of entering into the "Canaan-land". It is only then that one is purified and filled with the Holy Spirit! Let me explain it in this fashion. The part and duty of the believer is to "present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Rom. 12:1. In other words, consecrate yourself and become a "living sacrifice". It is God's part to do the purifying and the believer's heart is purged and filled with the Holy Ghost by faith.

Let me conclude with this question Paul asked of certain disciples, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" Acts 19:2.

Our Father, we are so glad there is ample provision to forgive all our sins through the blood of Christ and to purify the heart of every believer who makes the consecration. We ask thy blessings upon every listener in Jesus name.

Until we meet again this is Willie Murphrey saying God bless and keep you always and a very cheerful goodbye!

Testimonies

From Oregon: "Happy new year...How quickly the year of '81 went by. The older I grow the faster the years fly... This year finds me hoping to do more for the Lord. Our pastor tells us we are either growing or standing still. I do not want to stand still. The day is far spent. There is not much time left and millions are going out into eternity without being prepared which is so heart-rending. I see something almost more sad than that, to see saints who have walked close to the Lord for many years growing cold and not walking in the old paths they once did, allowing things they once avoided and preached against and letting down their guards. This delights the enemy and makes me fearful lest I grow cold and fall away from the old time truth. The word says 'See no man take thy crown' and He that looketh back is not worthy of me... This is a goal I hope to work to in 1982:

Dear Lord, give me a gentle mind,
I may not the faults of others find.
And when they do small hurts to me,
Feel they've been done unknowingly;
To lift the fallen, help the weak,
And words of kindness to them speak,
And when I suffer untold pain,
To neither murmur nor complain,
Thus making life worthwhile--
And always face it with a smile."

--Sis. Grace Jones

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From Ark.: "I have been going to write ...for a long time, but just keep putting it off. Sometimes I think the greatest weapon the devil has is in getting God's people to keep putting off the things we ought to do for the Lord. I love all of God's people and hope you all are doing well. Pray for me. I sure enjoy the little paper and look to see if any one from Arkansas writes... I enjoy reading it all..."

--Sis. Stellar Ivie

From Pa.: "Well, the year of 1981 is gone into eternity. What have we done for our dear Lord? I do praise Him for all His goodness to me in the year past. He gave me an apartment. He healed my body, supplied my every need and is there when I need him. I want to be a part of your work as long as the Lord allows me to live, so I pray He will give you the strength you need for your daily tasks, give you wisdom for your sermons and may souls be awakened to come to Jesus before it is too late. I pray He may meet your every need and give you protection thru dangers seen or unseen... We are really having winter. So very cold with high winds..."

--Sis. Eva Cox

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From Ore.: "You have probably heard that I have been having quite a severe problem with my ankle and different ones of the church have been coming in to see that I have food and whatever help I need... The day before Christmas I was all on my own and when I went to the refrigerator to get some food to warm up for my supper I noticed the freezing compartment was heavily coated with...ice... The Lord was the only one I could call on. I turned off the refrigerator and went ahead to warm up my supper and ate it. By past experience I figured it would take 2 hours for that ice to loosen and there would be water to contend with too, but when I looked at it I noticed a little edge of ice that looked like it was loose. I lifted up on it and a big piece of ice came loose ... that ice came loose in big chunks--not even leaving any moisture on the shelf inside ... I don't think it took 15 minutes to completely clear the freezing compartment of ice and no water to wipe up at all... All I can say is God performed a miracle... I went back into the other room rejoicing."

--Sis. Hilda Nielsen

From Wash.: "It doesn't seem possible that another year has come. 1981 is history. We thank the Lord for his blessings during last year.... My sister Helen Haven is still in the nursing home in McMinnville, Oregon. She is doing better right now. The sore on her heel is healing up. One doctor wanted to amputate her foot, but some of the ministers at the Jefferson assembly meeting went out and prayed for her and they didn't amputate. We sure do thank the Lord for the saints' prayers. I have been healed different times by their prayers ... He has done so much for me."

--Sister Violet Thomas

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From W. Va.: "I believe it's been about a year since I've written. It doesn't seem that long. Time goes so fast. Soon time will be no longer and we will all be in eternity. I mean to gain heaven at any cost. Heaven surely will be worth all the suffering and persecution we have here. This coming Friday a year ago our dear Janet went to be with Jesus. I miss her so much. She was so good and kind. Everything went well with her. She never complained about anything. I call her two little boys often. We don't get to see them... Please remember my children when you pray."

--Sis. Erma Clevenger

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From Ga.: "Greetings in Jesus name. I am so happy the Lord let me make it over into the new year. I spent my Christmas in prayer, also the New Year day. Happy new year to all of the saints. The Lord is so good to me. I mean to work 'til the days are done."

--Sis. Claudia Robinson

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From Texas: "May the good Lord keep us all in the center of his will and as clay in the potter's hands in this year of 1982 that we might be more useful..."

--Sis. Nellie Lovell

From Kans.: "We are still saved and in the battle for truth and right. We started the new year with a new surge of determination to be faithful and become stronger and deeper in God. Christ truly is the answer to all and we want to be sure to seek him for all things and trust him for all things. The devil is surely not asleep and as we become more determined to be continuously triumphant, he becomes more determined to try to stop us. But thank God he has grace sufficient for us and wants us to be more than conquerors so he will stand by us and help us every step of the way."

--Sis. Shirley A. Knight

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From Calif.: "We are so thankful for that blessed name so dear whereby we can be saved. We truly thank the Lord for the wonderful plan of salvation and the gift of his precious dear son and the severe suffering he went thru as a sacrifice for our sins and that we are partakers with him... glad you had a good meeting... How we desired to be there. We were there in heart or spirit with you in the meeting... Bro. Gene is still very frail... needs much prayer. We both do... In His service,"

--Bro. Gene and Sis. Loretta Harmon

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Life changes all our thoughts of heaven;
At first we think of streets of gold,
Of gates of pearl and dazzling sights
Of shining wings and robes of white,
And things all strange to mortal sight.
But in the afterward of years,
It is a more familiar place;
A home unhurt by sighs and tears
Where waiteth many a well-known face
With passing months it comes more near;
It grows more real day by day
Not strange or cold, but very dear
The glad homeland not far away;
Where none are sick or poor, or lone,
A place where we shall find our own.

--Sel. by Grace Jones

From La.: "Jesus said to seek him first, then all these other things would be added ... I'm happy, satisfied and contented in the Lord. I'm seeking to please the Lord in all things that He may be satisfied with me and I can meet Him in peace when this life comes to an end and we never know how quickly that may be. This is the beginning of a new year, and we never know what a year may bring, for we know not the future, not even one day to the next. So thankful for the peace of our country through the past year, and all so well as it was, but with so much wickedness in the world and in our country, we don't know how soon God may say it is enough and let some great disaster come, but thank the Lord, he has promised to be with his people all the way to the end."

--Sis. Myrtis Flynn

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From Okla.: "These words of Jesus are very precious to my heart and mind. In St. John 14:12-15, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." This is to all the believers. O, Lord increase my faith, is my prayer."

--Sis. Eva Penner

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From Pa.: "I was surprised to read of the passing of Anna Marie, as I always enjoyed her writings in the Faith and Victory. What a lovely person she was. We serve a mighty God and I trust I will not fail to trust Him. My husband's eyesight is failing. The Lord has been so good to us. My husband was 84 years and I was 79 years. God's way is best. Sincerely in Christian love,"

--Sis. Mabel Kinsey

From Kansas: "Holy greetings in the name of our lovely Lord. Greetings in another year. All thanks and praise to His name. I wasn't so well at the closing out of the past year, but the Lord saw fit to let me see the beginning of this one. I am 86, very poor hearing and sight. There must be something He still wants me to do. I ask your prayers for more wisdom and grace to do what I can at all times. I enjoy the Mission Trail and since I can't hear sermons I can enjoy the printed ones. May God's blessings be with you. Carry on in His name. Christian love,"

--Sis. Amy Hunter

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From Ga.: "I am still serving and trusting in the Lord. Please remember my brother in your prayers."

--Sis. Mary Johnson

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From Okla.: "Please pray for our loved ones, that they get saved before it is too late. I enjoy reading The Mission Trail. Give our love to the saints."

--Sis. Eva Hardman

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From Miss.: "I don't believe it will be long till our Lord will return for his own, and I am so happy to know I am one of his, and don't have to guess as some people think. These things are written that you might know. John 20:31. I enjoy the little Mission Trail. It's like getting a letter from friends, and I keep up with what is happening in your family. . . Please continue my little paper on and on until you hear I've gone home. Will meet you up there."

--Sis. Grace Gill

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From Calif.: "I want to wish you a very happy healthy '82. May the good Lord bless you and keep you well. I am very thankful for a very good '81 and thank the Lord for very good health."

--Edna Murry

at press time

we understand:

In marriage congratulations to Ricky and Julie we are sorry we failed to give his last name -- Herron. We are glad his father and mother, Bro. and Sis. Roy Herron, also his grandmother, Sis. Pearlene Whitson, could attend the assembly meeting.

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From Wisc.: "Just a few lines to let you know everything is going quite well. Bertha is able to be doing things about the house. She is talking about helping with the cooking, so we know she is coming along just real good, for which we are very thankful. She had a long long way to go. We wish to take this opportunity to thank all of God's people for their prayers, cards, and flowers sent and for all their kindness shown to us. Sometimes we wonder why something like this should happen, but no doubt God has a purpose in all things. We pray that God will bless you and your work. With love to all,"

--Johnnie and Bertha LaVeau

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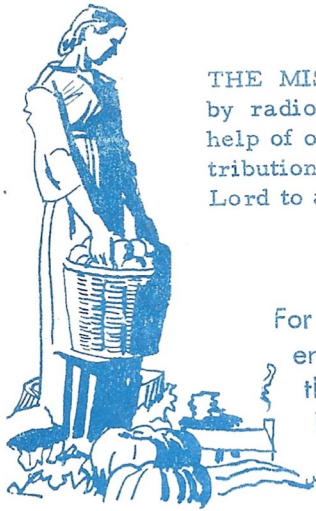
Millions of people call themselves Christians and think themselves on the road to heaven, when they are not, but are deceived, for they have never been born again, and Jesus himself declared, "Except a man be born again, he can not see the kingdom of God." Whata shame--what a lasting disgrace to the fair name of Christianity -- that multitudes of sin-loving people should claim to be Christians simply because they have merely joined some sectarian church or because they were in infancy subjected to a rite called baptism!

From Oregon: "The Lord blest us with a message from Matt. 25--warning to watch and pray, most diligently. Five of the virgins realized they had no oil, too late -- referred to how God so patiently bore with Samson while he was careless up to a point. Then when the covenant was broken, God left him and he wist not that the Spirit of the Lord had left him. How good is our God and so faithful to send His Word and stir our hearts. May He continue to bless you in His work is my prayer."

--Sis. Virginia Taylor

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As we consider the work of God and our call into the ministry, more than forty years ago now, our hearts are filled with gratitude and thankfulness. The month of January marks the completion of seventeen years of the broadcast. Not once has God failed us. Yet there is much to be done. I am reminded of what the Lord said to Joshua: "Now Joshua was old and stricken in years; and the Lord said unto him, Thou art old and stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." Joshua 13:1. With iniquity abounding and the forces of evil pressing the saints on every hand, the call of God is still going out to the young and old, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Isa. 6:8. Let us respond like Isaiah of old, "Then said I, Here am I; send me." As we begin this brand new year we are much encouraged. And many thanks to all who have helped us keep the message on the air. Our love and prayers go out to each one.



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For some it will come true: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Let us hasten with the message which Jesus gave: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."



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