

Scripture Romans 6: 1-23

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Text v 1,2 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

Intro. God never intended that we continue in sin after we have been saved. God hates sin in what ever form it may be. Sin separates us from God. The Bible often refers to us as the bride of Christ. We are married to Him and should be faithful to Him. The most important thing about marriage is for two people to be faithful to each other. The more faithful they are the closer is the fellowship. and if there is a continuous lack of faithfulness there will be an increasing lack of fellowship and love until there eventually comes separation or divorce. Illustrate my cousin leslie.

Paul recognized sinful tendencies in the church at Corinth. 1Cor 3; 1-3 They were babes in Christ V. 3 For ye are yet carnal for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions are we not carnal, and walk as men

*If a church is destroyed it is because*

Rom 8: 6,7 "For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace, Because the carnal mind is not subject to the law of God neither indeed can be

James spoke of this tendency to sin as doublemindedness  
James 1:8 "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Illustration. Dr. Jeckle and Mr Hyde.

*James 4:8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you, Cleanse your*  
Sanctification is the cure for this doublemindedness and carnal nature. 1Thes. 4: 3 "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication.

That every one of you should ~~know~~ know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor. V. 7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness but unto holiness."

Holiness is Gods standard for His people. He said be ye holy for I am Holy, God would be crazy to ask something that is impossible to be.

Jesus prayed for his disciples sanctification John 17, " Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth."

Heb. 13: 12 we find that Jesus died for your sanctification

*His suffering and death* *is* *the* *standard* *for* *holiness*

*Sanctify*  
*mercy*

"Whwherefore Jesus also that ye might sanctify the people with his own blood suffered without the gate.".

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Romans 8:1-35

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Introduction: Bible students know that sanctification is scriptural. The words sanctify, sanctified, or sanctification have been used 164 times in the Word of God. In the Old testament, things were sanctified. Mount Sinai, Where the laws of Moses were given, was sanctified. The seventh day was sanctified. The altar in the Temple and the temple itself were sanctified.

In the New Testament we read that Christ died for our sanctification. "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate" (Heb. 13:12). Not only did Christ suffer for our cleansing, but He impressed upon His followers the urgency of sanctification. In His last prayer with them prior to the Crucifixion, He pleaded with His Father: "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:15-17) The ultimate purpose of Christ's death was that His believers might be sanctified.

What is sanctification? According to Webster's dictionary "Sanctify is a transitive verb that means to make holy, cleanse from impurity, pollution, or sin." Since a transitive verb means action that changes something, a person who is sanctified by the Holy Spirit is different than he was before he was sanctified.

Throughout Christ's teachings and especially in the Sermon on the Mount, He taught that salvation was twofold. The antagonism He aroused in the scribes and Pharisees on this point helped cause His crucifixion. Jesus said of them "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:20).

Just as salvation is twofold, so is sin. There are the visible acts: stealing, lying, etc. Those sins are forgiven in regeneration; but there is still an inward condition that "leans toward sinning." That is dealt with in sanctification. You may be forgiven for your acts of sin, but not for the condition of sin in your heart; it must be cleansed. You are

lying but not for the deceitful spirit that made you want to lie; it must be cleansed. You may be forgiven for the cutting words you spoke, but not for the unreasonable prejudices which made you say those things; they must be cleansed. Christ forgives sins, but He cleanses the condition of sin in the heart.

Sanctification is really the completion of the work begun in regeneration. John Wesley spoke of those who had been saved and not sanctified as "merely justified." "As yet," he said "they have not gone on for all that the Lord has for them." He was not trying to put down the experience of the new birth, but to emphasize the further work of heart cleansing.

The person who has been saved and then faces light on sanctification sings:

Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole.  
I want thee forever to dwell in my soul.  
Break down every idol; cast out every foe.  
Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

The person who is saved, but refuses to walk into the experience of sanctification, should sing:

Lord Jesus, I long to be partially whole.  
I want Thee part of the time to dwell in my soul.  
Break down a few idols; cast out a few foes.  
Wash me a little, and I'll be some whiter than before.

Standards of Holiness should be based on the inner Christ like spirit.

Sanctification takes away that critical spirit, that lazy attitude, the wrong motive, the ugly character, and puts in its place the spirit of divine love.

Sanctification is a heart cleansing of the condition which lends itself to acts that hurt the soul and the kingdom of Christ.

Is Sanctification Necessary?

Illus. The disciples wanting to call fire down from heaven. James and John wanting to be the greatest. Showed selfishness at the last supper. Showed fear and all forsook Him and fled.

Jesus commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father...

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts 1:4,8). Therefore, if sanctification was necessary for those men in the world 2,000 years ago, then it is certainly necessary for you and me in the 20th century.

Sanctification is necessary for victorious living. Jesus, in the 17th chapter of John, refused to pray for His disciples to be sheltered from the evil of the world. He prayed that they might be sanctified, and thereby live victoriously in a sinful world.

Some Christians eke out an existence without any real joy or exuberance. Christianity is, to them a mere "insurance policy" against hell. They have no vibrant testimony and bear no Christian fruit. God never intended that kind of life for us. He wants us to possess some spiritual enthusiasm and a joy in our hearts that sets us apart from the world. Our lives must count for Him.

#### Illustration; Pocket Radio.

Too, sanctification is necessary for unity. Would Christ want to come back to the world and find the churches bickering among themselves over little issues?

"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" (1 Thess. 5:23).

Sanctification is not a luxury that may be either accepted or rejected with little consideration. It is absolutely necessary for a victorious, fruitful Christian testimony.

The apostle Paul's account in his epistles to the Galatians and Pharenes on this point helped cause his crucifixion. When asked of them "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the seraphim and cherubim, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:20).

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Today I am speaking to you again about sanctification. Every denomination believes in some form of sanctification. Our Catholic friends believe we are cleansed in purgatory. Some good folks believe that we are saved and sanctified all at once. Others think we are saved and then begin the long process of growing into the experience of sanctification. Some think we are sanctified just before death, and still others believe glorification and sanctification are synonymous.

*Dictionary says: Sanctification means to make holy, more fair from sin.*

Lets look at the scripture and you may be your own judge.

*saintly, sanctified or sanctification used 16 times in Acts*

Acts 19:2 to the people at Ephesus "Have ye receivwd the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there bw any Holy Ghost ". The ephesians had believedon Christ but had not received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. And he said unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of re-pentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is on Christ Jesus. When they heard this they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them.

Acts 8:14-17 "Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (for as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost."

As soon as the mother church in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria had received "the word," they sent evnised two of their best evangelists, Peter and Joh, to go preach to them on the Holy Ghost. "For as yet he was fallen upon none of them."

Acts 10: 1-4 "There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, a devout man, and one that feared God with all his house. Who also gave much alms to the people, and prayed to

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which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway. He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius. And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him. Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God." I need his bevera ers ew hifit erenjo .eomo ts lls noitssiljone to comeitake erd odni amwoig to assoing grol

Lets see what kind of man he was:

1. A devout man;
2. One that feared God;
3. With all his house (He evidently won his family.);
4. Which gave much alms (He no doubt paid his tithe.);
5. And prayed to God alway;
6. God sent a special messenger down to tell him that his prayers had come up as a memorial before God.

But as you read on in this chapter, you see that cornelius felt a need for a deeper work in his heart. He sent to Joppa down by the sea where Peter was vacationing, and asked him to come and minister to his household. Peter came. And in the 44th verse of the chapter, the climax is reached when it says, "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word."

In John 17:9-17, Christ prays, "not for the world," but that His disciples might be sanctified. In Ephesians, the fifth chapter, we are told that Christ gave himself that "the church" might be sanctified.

It seems to me that any objective interpretation of the Scriptures teaches that we are sanctified as a second definite work of grace.

The question needs to be asked today as the deciples asked the epehsians, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" and if not why not receive Him today.

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Consider the lilies MT. Nazarene

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Mat. 6:28

"Consider the lilies of the field."

The lily became in the hands  
of Christ the text for one  
of the simplest and briefest  
sermons ever preached.

The patriotic Jews liked  
to admire Solomon's court.

Gold, silver and jewels were  
lavishly used in it.

The labor of thousands  
of skilled workmen for  
years were used to produce  
the splendor of it.

Jesus said the lilies  
have more splendor than  
Solomon in all his glory.

II Setting at the table admiring  
the tulips. 6 petals, 6 stamens,  
18 pointed toe

To consider the Lilies  
What are they good for?  
The whole plan and purpose  
to produce a flower.  
unlike the Wood, Iron  
Coal, Oil, for surely  
God made the lily to  
feast our weary eyes on.

V Flowers are the very  
courtesies of God.

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in Wyoming.  
Consider how they grow  
DNA Code in the  
bulb. Delicate shades  
of color

VI They speak of God's love.  
Give to all.

VII They speak of God's  
tenderness, bountiful  
provisions

VIII They speak of God's party and beauty  
God com made you  
like the lily, clean  
pure, beautiful in  
life and spirit.

Jabezine  
Musing Home Consider the Lilies Mongolian Presbyterian Calvary Wesleyan 1-7-65

While praying and meditating about the message this morning I felt the Lord would have me to use the scripture found in Matt. 6:28-30.

In our basement for several years there has been an Amarello Lillie in a pot. Illustrate.

It is so amazing to me that that lillie bulb could have suffered so long and then when it was cared for to burst forth with such radiance. Jesus said, "Consider the lillies" so I believe that we should be like the likkies, We may be neglected and pressed down and may think nobody cares, but when our time comes when we have the opportunity we will burst out with radiance that show the true worth that has been in our heart all the time. Jesus said, "The lillies toil not neither do they spin, and yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

The the glory of the beautiful lillies is within it, the pattern and design of the red and white flowers. God placed it there and so the lillie just waited untill it could bring it forth to the world.

Like the heart of the lillie brings forth beauty, so the heart of the Christian brings forth the love, joy, peace, goodness, temperance, long suffering, Gentleness, hope, and faith. Jesus said, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh". Also His word says, "Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life."

All lilies are not the same but all have a beauty of their own. So all christians are not the same but all have a beauty of their own. Some have the lovely smile, some break forth with praises to God in song. Some can pray until heaven comes down in loveliness and peace. Some know the art of always knowing just when to speak the right words at the right time to help some one in need. and some are always helping others with their work.

The lily is the queen of Bible flowers. 14 times the Bible mentions the lily but only twice the rose. The lily reigned in the time of Esther, in the time of Solomon, in the time of Christ. In the greatest sermon that was ever preached, there was only one flower, and that a lily. Jesus said "Consider the lilies."

Belonging to this royal family of lilies is the lily of the Nile, The Japan lily, the Lady Washington of the Sierras, the Golden Band Lily, the Giant lily of Nepaulm, the Turk's cap lily, The African lily, from the Cape of Good Hope. Also we see the Daffadills, The Easter lilies, the tulips,

THE WATER LILIES

the Day lilies, The star of Bethlehem, and the Aloes.

After the long winter months first comes the Daffadills,  
Next comes the tulips, so fresh and beautifull.

Then the day Lillies and the tiger lilies that thrive  
in the sun and hot weather.

### GOD CARES FOR THE LILIES. Well, do you not care for you?

How long has God taken care of you? Quarter of the journey of life: half the journey of life? Three-quarters of the journey of life: can you not trust him the rest of the way? If God so luxuriantly clothes the grass of the field, will he not provide for, his living and immortal children? He surely will.

I take the lilies of my text as typical of all flowers, they are good for lessons of God's providential care. That was Christ's first thought.

What are flowers good for some might ask? They are good for the bridal day. Did you ever see a wedding without flowers?

Illustrate my wedding.

Illustrate the widowed soul.

What are flowers good for? When a precious loved one dies, you cover the casket with flowers,

Flowers show us the brevity of life; The Psalmist said, "As the flower of the field, so he perisheth; The wind passeth over it, and it is gone," Job said. "Man cometh forth as a flower and is cut down." Isaiah said; "All flesh is grass, and the goodness thereof is as the field." or we could quote from James the Apostle: "As the flower of the field so he passeth away."

Flowers also afford mighty symbolism of Christ, who compared himself to the rose of Sharon, and the Lily of the valley." The lily of the valley has beautiful bell shaped flowers of pure whithe. It grows in shady places where it is damp and cool. It has a delightfull fragrance and spereads it's perfume through gardens and woods during the springtime. So Jesus goes through the fally spreading the perfume of his love and the purity of His life to give hope to all who are in the valley of trouble and sorrow.

As a young Minister on my first pastorate in California I often visited a lady of thw church who was very week and sick.

Perhaps the greatest flower of all to symbolize Christ, is the Easter lily. From the brown earth it rises in a array of spotless white.

symbolising the resurrection of our Saviour from the dead. Then we hear the words of our Lord proclaiming, "I am the resurrection and the life, He that believeth in me thou he were dead yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. and "Because I live ye do shall live."

DEAR FRIENDS, THIS MORNING WE HAVE CONSIDERED THE LILIES. THEY HAVE MUCH MEANING FOR US. THEY ARE GODS CONSTANT REMINDER THAT HE HAS NOT FORGOTTEN US AND HE WILL KEEP HIS PROMISES NO MATTER WHAT COMES OR GOES. AND EVEN THO' WE DIE HE WILL RESURRECT US TO GLORY.

Burden Bearing M.T. 76  
Gal 6:2. <sup>Moscow</sup>  
Silvermore 7-11=93 1-10. 1 - 65 Song  
Intro. In order to <sup>7-19 P.M.</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>MT 77</sup>  
in the Christian life we  
must keep His laws. <sup>MT 82</sup>  
The law of Christ <sup>Moscow</sup>  
took upon himself the form of  
a servant. <sup>6-22 P.M.</sup>

I The law of burden being  
entwined with the suffering of others.  
I. Christ Jesus. Empathy  
Widow's Son raised from dead.  
Women at the well  
Zacchaeus. feeding multitude  
Disciples fishing  
afis Grozer for Disciple  
Mrs. mother at the cross  
Uncle Tom grinding meat for  
other slaves.  
I How can we bear burdens.

I. The commonest burden is  
sin.

A We can only bring them  
to Jesus.

1. by counsel,  
by gentle guidance  
by mighty intercession

II The burden of Temperament  
Just at great heat in pilgrim  
progress helped. Mrs. Sefflemin  
Mrs. Read to halt, Miss much  
a faint and others until all  
reached the Heavenly Country,  
the fragrant land where  
bloomed the lily of eternal  
peace.

III The burden of Incompleteness  
We are just branches.  
we being many are one  
body in Christ.

IV The burden of needs.

Illust. Blind man.

Hospital Vestibule  
"Never utters a discouraging  
word while you are in the hospital  
you should come here only for the  
purpose of helping. Keep you  
hendling, sad looks for other  
places; and if you can't smile  
Don't go in."

I trust

Bro. Gunn.

Room mate

Jeanita and Sis. Lewis.

Happiness comes from  
bearing burdens.

To fulfill the law of Christ  
an encouraging word of  
praise.

Wives encourage husbands  
husbands praise wives  
children honor fathers  
mothers.

a word fitly spoken is  
like apples of gold in pictures  
of silver.

Pastor & wife

Help somebody today

Song 719  
Definition of a friend  
A friend is one who  
comes in when all  
the world has gone out.