



### The Only Foundation

Paul wrote to the Corinthians about the contentions in that congregation. He was dealing with disharmony and trying to work it out before it broke into schisms and splits and rents (1 Corinthians 1:10). He told them in 1 Corinthians 2:2 that he was determined not to know anything among them save Jesus Christ and Him crucified. He went on to say in 1 Corinthians 3:11, that no other foundation can any man lay than that which is already laid, Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is the *only* foundation. There is no other. If you are building your life on anything but Christ, you are building on sand. If you are building your home on anything but Christ, you are building on sand. If you are building your congregation on anything but Christ, you are building on sand. There are not several founda-

tions. There is only one.

The Corinthians were getting off that foundation. Some of them were building on Apollos. Some were building on Cephas (Peter). Some were building on Paul. That is why Paul said he would not know anything among them but Jesus Christ and Him crucified. He wanted them to get back to the foundation.

### Tried by Fire

It is not enough to have the foundation, but we have to watch what we build on it. Thank God for the message about Christ—His birth, life, death, resurrection, ascension, and His power as Lord sitting on the right hand of the Father—but be careful how you build on that foundation.

First Corinthians 3:12-15 reads: "Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."

Paul spoke of things that will stand fire: gold, silver, precious stones; and he talked about things that will not stand fire: wood, hay, stubble. Paul said, "Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it." He did not mean the final Judgment Day, because God would not be a just God if He let us build all through our lives and never tried our houses, our characters, and our lives until the final judgment, and we would have to see our work destroyed.

Truth makes manifest. In other words, Paul said, "You fellows have been doing a lot of building down here, but some of you got clear off the foundation, and some of you are on the right foundation, but what you are building is not according to truth."

The fire that tries us is the same fire that saves us. In Jeremiah 23:29 God said, "Is not my word like as a fire?" The Word of God tries our theology, and it will test it to see whether it is gold, silver, or precious stones, which are symbols of truth. When it is hay, wood, or stubble, it will not stand up against the truth of God's Word.

Paul said that people's works would burn, but they would be saved. I know people that love Christ and have an experience with Him, but they spent their efforts in Babylon, and when they heard the truth, the truth tried their works. They came out of Babylon, but when they came out, they had to leave their works behind that were not according to truth.

We need to desire the truth of God's eternal Word. Let us get rid of the idea that anything is good enough. There is a lot of the spirit today that anything is good enough as long as you are sincere. Sooner or later, God puts the fire on what you have, and anything that will not stand the fire of God's eternal Word is not worth having in your life, because if it will not stand the fire of God's Word here, it will not stand it at the Judgment.

### Worldly Wisdom Fails

Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 1:18, "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." In the twenty-fifth verse, he upset the wisdom of the worldly wise and let people know that you will never get the truth through human wisdom. That is why the wiser we get in this world, the less we see God in anything. You cannot know God by worldly wisdom. The Corinthians were carried away from the real essence of the message, and they sought human realms, just as men do today. They forgot Jesus teaching that a little child shall lead them. Paul set them straight, first of all, by letting them know that while men by the wisdom of this world could not even find God, God was saving men by the foolishness of preaching—just plain, simple teaching of Jesus' mission here and where He came from.

First Corinthians 1:25 reads, "Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men." The Greek says, "The folly of God." In other words, God has more sense playing around than man has working hard.

"For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called" (1 Corinthians 1:26). Look at preachers that are really outstanding in the truth. It is just the same now as it was then. How many wise men after the flesh has God called? It is not that He will not call them, but their worldly wisdom puts up such a wall that they cannot hear His simple call.

"But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 1: 27-31).

Paul went right on in the second chapter and set the wisdom of man beside a power of God all through the first six verses, and in verses 7-10 he wrote: "But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."

The only way you will get truth is by revelation. It is a lot easier to follow man than Christ, because you can see the man. It is so much easier to go when you can see something with the natural eye than it is to go by faith. You have to spend some time praying, and maybe fasting, to get divine direction.

Truth is revealed. You cannot get it by human wisdom. Many are misled by trying to get it some other way. That was what Corinth was doing, and because of it they were in division. "The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us" (Deuteronomy 29:29). If we will walk in the light, God will reveal to us what we need.

First Corinthians 1:5 says that you are enriched by Christ in everything, including knowledge. Jesus taught that without Him, you can do nothing (John 15:5). Paul wrote in Philippians 4:19, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Too many people in this Laodicean age are not willing to let their beliefs be tested by fire—God's Word. He is knocking on the door. He has something for them. Thank God for Brother Warner and for every other reformer, but God has more truth for us. We are on the way. We are traveling on. God has more truth for us, but too many Laodiceans are keeping the door shut, saying, "I have need of nothing. I do not want any more. I will not even consider it."

If you are sure that what you have is truth, you will not mind my taking the Word and testing it. If you have truth, you will still have truth when we are done, and you will not be doubting and wondering whether or not you are right.

Paul said the day would declare it, and we are in that day. There are a lot of things that people took for truth in the Dark Ages and in the cloudy conditions, but we are out in the day. We are where it is just as light as it was in the morning time, and the daylight declares lots of things. When the light is not really clear, you can put up with a lot of things and think they are all right. You can be raised around the church and just accept teachings that the church has

been accepting for generations. We read books to get understanding on a certain verse and never look into it anymore. Then God comes along through the Holy Spirit and says, "Study that." The first thing you know, what you thought was gold begins to crack and snap because it is stubble. You may feel, "Certainly, I am not wrong," and you search the Bible, trying to back up your belief, but you cannot do it. So you get a man's book.

One reason for contention and division at Corinth was a misconception of the message. They had been led away from the foundation and were following this man and that man. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 3:3 that they were carnal (fleshly) because they walked as men. They picked out a man and walked as he walked. People of our day stick to Wesley, Luther, or some other man and walk as he walked. (I am not speaking against any man.) I could write a book and name it "*What the Bible Teaches*," but it would not be what the Bible teaches—it would be what Emerson Wilson says the Bible teaches. There is only one Book to look in to know what the Bible teaches, and that is the Bible.

Contention comes because of a misconception of God's Word. When the Word of God makes manifest something that is not truth, we must get rid of it. And I will trade stubble for gold any day.

### Sanctification

What a bone of contention sanctification is! The doctrine of sanctification is one subject that is very much misunderstood. The word *sanctification* is found five times in the whole Bible. The words *sanctify*, *sanctified*, and *sanctifieth* are found a hundred and forty-one times, four times more in the Old Testament than in the New Testament. But no matter what Hebrew or Greek words they are taken from, they have the same meaning: to set anything apart from sensual use to sacred use.

Various things were sanctified in the Old Testament, proving that sanctification can in no way be limited to dealing with the sins of man. In the Old Testament, days were sanctified. Are you going to say that days have carnality in them? Tabernacles were sanctified. Furniture, garments, and bread were sanctified. Heathen soldiers were sanctified, even though they were unbelievers and sinners. One time when Israel rose up against God, He took a group of heathen soldiers and sanctified them, the Scripture says, and used them for His purpose. They were heathens before He sanctified them, and they were heathens after He sanctified them.

Food was sanctified. Paul began 1 Timothy, Chapter 4, by telling what would happen in the last days because of people giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. First Timothy 4:3-5 reads: "Commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer." Read Genesis 9:3. Moses commanded the people not to eat pork and certain other things, but that law was added four hundred years after God set a moral law in operation for man. Christ nailed the ceremonial law to the Cross and took us back to God's moral law.

First Corinthians 7:14 states that unsaved companions are sanctified. Some of the Corinthians were married to unsaved companions, and through a misconception of truth, they thought if they brought forth children, the children would be unclean; but Paul let them know that if one parent was a Christian, the other parent would be sanctified through that so their children would not be unclean. In that situation, sanctification had nothing to do with a person getting an experience with God.

Exodus 13:1-2 reads: "And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine." Now, we begin to understand how God used sanctification. It sets something apart unto Him. It belongs to Him. All through the Scriptures, you will find that that which God sanctified was set apart or separated from every other purpose to a sacred purpose, no matter what it was. (God sanctified Jeremiah before he was ever formed in his mother's womb, according to Jeremiah 1:5.)

I have done some searching, and there is not a Scripture in the Bible concerning sanctification where the words *second*, *work*, or *grace* are found in the context. The word *sanctification* is used the same way in the New Testament as it is in the Old. Whether it is from the Hebrew or Greek, the words it is taken from mean "to pronounce clean or holy, to consecrate, to dedicate, to purify, to set apart from profane or secular use to sacred or holy use."

Where did sanctification have its beginning in the thought of a man or woman being sanctified? Ephesians 1:1-4 reads: "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in

Christ Jesus: Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 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." New Testament sanctification was in the mind of God before the beginning of the world. He has chosen that every one of us who are in Christ be holy.

When does sanctification have its beginning in the experience of our hearts and lives? When He separates you from the life of sin and brings you to a life of holiness! When you come in old-time repentance, turn to God from a life of sin, pleading the shed blood of Jesus Christ through faith in His blood, your sins are remitted. The old heart is taken out of you, God puts a new heart in you, and then Christ through the Holy Spirit moves into that heart. When He moves into that heart, you are made holy.

Whenever truth begins to make manifest, people will grab for most anything to try to hold their position. They take Scriptures apart, dissect them, teach half of a sentence for one work and the other half for another work. The light is being made manifest. God has light for the church today. We are going back to teaching truths the way the Apostles taught them in the morning time. The mists of confusion are still passing away. People who do not want to believe that someone who is born again receives the Holy Ghost and because the Bible says that if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His (Romans 8:9), they begin to make a difference between the Spirit of Christ and the Spirit of God. However, Ephesians 4:4 states that there is *one* Spirit.

When your life is cleaned up through the blood of Jesus Christ and you become a new creature, or a new temple, you get a new heart in that temple. You are a new inner man. The old man (the man you used to be) died, and after he died, he resurrected a new man. You are raised up with Christ. When you become that new temple, God, the Holy Ghost, and Jesus move in.

### **That Day**

Isaiah in his prophecy, from the second chapter on, talked about "that day." When Jesus came, He talked about "that day." "That day" came on the Day of Pentecost. You cannot rightly divide the Word of Truth in dealing with an experience in the heart of man and go before Pentecost. This is the day they all looked forward to. With all the great ways that God moved through the Old Testament, none could experience what you and I can experience in this Holy Ghost dispensation of time.

In John 14:20-21 Jesus told what would happen in that day: "At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." Verses 22-23 state: "Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."

Peter's message on the Day of Pentecost let the people know that if they would repent and be baptized, they would receive the Holy Spirit. The Apostles had to tarry for the Holy Ghost, but nowhere in the Bible does it tell you to get one experience and tarry for a second one. "That day" has come, thank God! We are in that day.

### **Salvation Is in a Person**

Salvation is an all-inclusive word used in the Scripture to denote deliverance from *every form of sin*, a changing from one creature to another, from one purpose of life to another. You do not have salvation till you are delivered from the guilt of sin and the power of sin.

"Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, And hath raised up an horn [power] of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: [The message has never changed. Why would we want to change it? I am preaching the same message that the prophets preached since the world began. What did they preach?] That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; To

perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; The oath which he swore to our father Abraham, That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life" (Luke 1:67-75).

When salvation comes, holiness and righteousness come. If you have to wait and get a second work before holiness comes, then it could not be all the days of your life because from the time you repented until you received another work of grace, there will be some days in there when you were void of holiness and righteousness.

Salvation is not so much in an experience—it is in a *person*. I am preaching the same message the prophets preached from the beginning. What did they preach? They did not preach that salvation would be in an experience. They all talked about a man. A *man* shall be a hiding place. A *man* shall be your deliverance. A *man* shall be your salvation.

Through the cloudy day, out of the Dark Ages, when people did not see complete truth, they got experiences in ceremonies and in meeting conditions. Salvation is not in your heart till Jesus comes into your heart, and if salvation is not in your heart, you do not have it. Salvation is Jesus Christ. It is a person, not an experience or a work of grace. Read Revelation 3:20. God does not send a preacher around with a creed book, saying, "If you will believe this creed, I will save you." Jesus is standing at the door, saying, "If you will open your heart's door, I will come in to you." God help us to shake off the confusion. God help us to get free from the ceremonies and ideas that men taught for 350 years in a cloudy condition. We are in the DAY!

Luke 2:25-30 reads: "And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost [that is the only way you are going to find truth], that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation."

Salvation is not meeting some condition. Jesus is God's salvation. Salvation is in a man, in a person. First Corinthians 1:30 reads, "But of him [God] are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." What is sanctification? Jesus. Sanctification is in a person, not an experience.

Jesus is our salvation. Salvation is an all-inclusive word. You cannot have Christ without having both salvation and sanctification. This is what caused confusion back then, and it is causing it yet today. We have gotten away from the Person and have put emphasis on the ceremony, on meeting conditions. You are not saved by works of grace. You are saved by Jesus Christ. When you receive Him, He is your salvation and He is your sanctification. Sanctification is the result of receiving a Person.

Second Thessalonians 2:13 reads, "But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." In that Scripture Paul said that every one of you was saved through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

How are you saved through sanctification of the Spirit? When you come in old-time repentance and you plead Jesus Christ's shed blood, through faith in His blood, the sins of the past are remitted. Through the sanctification or the power of the Spirit, God through the Holy Ghost works a transformation. The old heart is taken out of you, and a new heart is put in you. You are a new man. You have been transformed. You have been saved through the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit. You have been taken from one position and set over in another position—set apart unto God. First Peter 1:2 tells you that it is through the sprinkling of blood and obedience of the truth.

There are different portions of salvation, and the right way to take them apart would be to go back to the old tabernacle. One offering was brought for this, and another offering was brought for that, etc. Three main offerings were brought for different works, ceremonial cleansings, to get men cleansed up so God could use them, but when Jesus came, He did not have to make three trips. There did not have to be three Jesuses. There was one sacrifice for all; He gave Himself a ransom for mankind.

## Holy as God Is Holy

Jesus said in the seventh chapter of John that He could not give the Holy Spirit yet because the Lord had not yet been glorified, but after the Lord was glorified, the Spirit was given. The Holy Ghost works a sanctifying power on every one who truly repents and sets him apart unto God, and that is where holiness begins, not ceremonial holiness, but real and true holiness.

The sanctification of the Spirit is that work of the Holy Spirit which makes a new creature of you. You are changed from one position to the other when He makes a new creature of you. Old things are passed away. You have no desire to serve the devil anymore. You have a desire to serve God. You received that desire in the initial work of salvation.

First Peter 1:15-16 reads: "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation [conduct]; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." When are we made holy? You were not redeemed with corruptible things, but by the precious blood of Christ. "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit . . . Being born again . . ." (verses 22-23). Sanctification is of the Spirit. You can meet the conditions of the Gospel message, but it is the Spirit of God that makes the transformation. When did the Spirit work the transformation? When is the sanctification of the Spirit? Since sanctification is a setting apart of something or someone unto God, when you came in repentance, took faith in the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, and believed the truth, the Spirit worked His sanctification on you. He set you apart from the corrupt condition you lived in, the place of serving diver's lusts and the devil, and He made you a servant of God.

You are made holy just as God is holy because you have God's Spirit in you, or as Peter called it, God's nature. You are a partaker of God's nature. What kind of nature does God have? God is a Spirit! When you have His Spirit, you have His nature. When you are born again, you are holy; and when you are made holy, you are set apart unto God.

People take you back to the Old Testament, to where there were the holy place and the holiest place. But read the Hebrew letter. The writer told you that the old tabernacle was a type of the two covenants. Through the first covenant, the blood of bulls and goats, you could not get beyond the holy place, ceremonial holiness, with no change of heart. However, when Christ died on the Cross, He tore the veil down, and now we have boldness through the blood of Jesus to go right into the holiest place. Through the blood of Jesus Christ, you do not go past two altars and through two rooms. You go right into the holiest place.

Through sanctification of the Spirit, the Spirit of God put a new life within you. God moved in, and you became a partaker of God's divine nature. You are holy as God is holy.

Second Corinthians 7:1 states, "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." The holiness God put within you is perfect; so how do you perfect it? You perfect holiness as you study God's Word and cleanse yourself from that which is contrary to God's holiness, bringing your life to that standard of holiness. You and I need to be perfected as we walk, and as we add virtues, put away that which the Word of God says to put away and come out from that which He says to come out from. God's holiness is perfect. The perfecting part is on us, cleansing ourselves. It is not an experience that you can get at the altar. It is not a cleansing by the blood of Jesus Christ. It is not a cleansing by the Holy Spirit. You cleanse yourself as you take the promises of God's Word.

Luke 1:74-75 states that you would serve Him in holiness all the days of your life. Now, that is how long it is going to take to perfect it. You are in holiness when you start—when you are born again. Walk in the truth and add (sometimes you cannot add until you take away something), perfecting holiness all the days of your life. There will be some more growing, and there will be some more perfecting.

## Sanctification Is . . .

Sanctification is instantaneous. You get it when you repent. Sanctification is an instantaneous experience that takes place when the Holy Ghost makes you a new creature, takes you from the position where you have served sensual things and makes you a servant of God, or sets you apart unto God.

Sanctification is progressive. It will last all the days of your life. It is progressive as you obey the truth. Jesus spoke of sanctifying "them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17). You cannot separate the Word from Jesus. He was the Word, and He is the Word. Therefore, when you get sanctification through the truth, you get it through Jesus; and if you will obey the truth, it will make you like Jesus.

Sanctification is future and complete. First Thessalonians 5:23 reads, "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." Sanctification will not be complete until you get your new body. Flesh and blood cannot get into the kingdom. The inner man is in, and the outer man is out. God is going to give us new bodies. That is the redemption we wait for (Luke 21:28; Romans 8:23; Ephesians 1:14). Part of our redemption has not taken place. We just have the down payment. The man on the inside is a new man, but the man on the outside is not a new man; however, he is going to be. God is going to change him when Jesus comes again, and he will end up perfect and complete.

### **Justification**

The words *justify* or *justification* are used sixty-four times in the Bible, and not once in any Scripture is it stated that justification comes before sanctification. Justification is a judicial term, and it takes place in the courts of Heaven. Justification clears you in the courts of Heaven. Sanctification makes you clean for service down here, and you must be clean for service down here before you can be justified in the courts of Heaven.

First Corinthians 6:9-11 reads: "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 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."

You are washed at the altar. You are washed in the blood, figuratively speaking. The Holy Spirit sets you apart unto God in conversion by making a new creature out of you. Everything that was sinful is gone. There is no sin in you whatsoever. The blood of Jesus Christ has cleansed you from ALL sin. By sanctification of the Spirit, you are set apart, and the minute you are set apart you are not guilty of anything, and you are justified before God. Justification comes immediately after the washing (through faith in Jesus' blood) and sanctification. God would not be a just God if He would justify you and clear you and you were still guilty, polluted, and unclean.

Sanctification comes first, and justification comes when we repent. In His parable of the Pharisee and the publican, Jesus said in Luke 18:13-14: "And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified."

"Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man [Christ] is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses" (Acts 13:38-39).

Under the Law of Moses, one could not be justified from sin of any form, but through Christ those that believe on Him are justified from ALL things. Justification is the act of declaring a person holy after he IS holy. Justification does not *make* you holy. Justification lets you know you are clear—the blood of Jesus Christ cleans you; the sanctification of the Holy Spirit sets you apart; and God says you are not guilty. You are justified from everything that you could not be justified from by the Law of Moses. The blood of bulls and goats could not take away sin, but you are cleared of it through the blood of Jesus Christ.

As I have already said, sanctification is a change of service from Satan to God. In Acts, Chapter 26, Paul was before Agrippa, telling him what God had called him for. He said in verse 18, "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me."

When you turn from sin, when the power of the Holy Spirit turns you from the power of Satan to the power of God, your sins are forgiven and you step right in and get your inheritance among the rest of the sanctified. What is the inheritance? The Kingdom of God is the inheritance, and no one can have it but sanctified people. Romans 8:16-17

states that we are children of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. Acts 26:18 states that we get forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith.

Sanctification *makes* a sinner not guilty, and justification *declares* him not guilty.

### **The Mists Are Passing Away**

No blessing of God is ever numbered in the Scriptures! I read in Ephesians, Chapter 1, that we are blessed with all spiritual blessings when we get in Christ.

When you get a thought in your mind, no matter what it is, you can go into God's Word and put some Scriptures together and prove it. We need to know that we have the right foundation for the thought before we even start. We need to get some things straight in the beginning, just as we started this message. There is only one foundation, and when you come in old-time repentance, you are made a new creature in Christ Jesus. There are foundation truths that we must lay hold of, and then go from there.

I heard a man preach not long ago who had a chart with five hearts, and he used the five stones that David picked up to use against the giant to prove you do not have victory until you use all five stones. However, there is one thing wrong with his message—David only used one stone. The preacher had to use five stones to teach his theology. You can be carried away and just pick up Scriptures and teach anything you want.

People misunderstand 2 Corinthians 1:15, which reads, "And in this confidence I was minded to come unto you before, that ye might have a second benefit." Paul was not teaching a second blessing or a second work of grace. Every time Paul went, they got a benefit. They were benefitted by his presence by, his being there and teaching them. Paul did not teach such a thing as a second work of grace to the Corinthians. According to 1 Corinthians 1:2 and 6:9-11, they were already sanctified, every one of them. Therefore, why would he write to the same group in the second letter and say, "I know you cannot wait till I get there. I am going to give you a second blessing. You are going to be sanctified"?

I repeat, sanctification is not mentioned in any Scripture or context about it as second, work, or grace. Such things are of human manufacture, and they are based on the teachings of man. They lean heavy on Brother John Wesley. Did you ever read his writings? In his first writings, you will read just what I have preached, that an individual is sanctified when he is regenerated and has a new heart and has been set apart in holiness unto God. However, he did not teach that in later years.

Luther believed in justification by faith, but he did not understand Bible holiness. He believed one is justified by faith, but as far as living a pure, holy, clean life down here, he did not think a man could do it.

Wesley taught quite a while before he got the experience of salvation. He was trying to lead the Indians to Christ when he did not even have Christ himself. He was going on the belief that the just shall live by faith and if he sinned, God would forgive him, but he had no holiness of heart.

John Wesley got an experience with a change of heart, and the truth began to unfold to him of holiness down here. Now, what would a man do who thought he already had an experience? He would start teaching that the holiness he received was another experience later than the first one. His own writings stated that when he preached to the Church of England, he knew they all claimed to be Christians, but he knew they did not have holiness of heart, so he preached a deeper work. However, that deeper work that he preached was just an experience of salvation.

The morning Apostles taught it just exactly as I have brought it to you out of the Word of God. When you come in old-time repentance, inward and outward holiness begin. There is no hint in the Word of God that after you come in repentance, then the sanctification of the Spirit sets you apart unto God. There is no teaching found in the Bible that a person needs another work of grace. The Bible teaches birth and growth. Paul did not teach newborn babes that they needed to be sanctified. He taught that they needed to grow up. Peter did not teach newborn babes to desire the sincere milk of the Word so they could get some understanding and be sanctified. He taught them to desire the Word so they might grow.

I repeat again, you are going to have to be pure and holy down here before you are justified in the courts of Heaven. Paul taught that you are washed, sanctified, and justified; and he also taught that Jesus Christ is made unto you salvation, sanctification, wisdom, power, and strength.

Through the sanctification of the Spirit, you receive the power. Do you have the experience within your heart? You



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may say you did not get salvation that way. However, did you ever stop to think that God granted experiences to men according to the light they had? Thank God for good men who blazed the truth in their period of time and were true to God. But just remember this: The Church of God reformation carried lots of things out of Babylon, and the mists of confusion are still clearing away. They are not all cleared away yet, but God is clearing them away. The day is making manifest. We are going back to the light of the morning as fast as we can go. I can hardly wait for the day when we can preach it just exactly as Paul and Peter did. Every day, I thank God for the way He is revealing the truth of His Word.

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