

Lesson # 10 – Sunday – August 20, 2017

The 12 step program in Comparison to Scripture

- # 1. We admitted we were powerless over (Something sinful) - that our lives had become unmanageable.
- # 2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
- # 3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
- # 4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
- # 5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
- # 6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
- # 7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
- # 8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
- # 9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
- # 10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
- # 11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
- # 12. **Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to (Those in need), and to practice these principles in all our affairs (our life).**

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For this Lesson we will be looking at Sanctification in the Narrow Sense and the fact that the Holy Spirit enables us to live lives according to God's will through the Gospel in Word and Sacrament.

Francis Pieper, defines Sanctification in the following way:

“The term ‘sanctification’ is used in Scripture and in theology in the wide and in the narrow sense. In its wide sense, sanctification comprises all that the Holy Ghost does in separating man from sin and making him again God's own, so that he may live for God and serve Him. It includes the bestowal of faith, justification, sanctification as the inner transformation of man, perseverance in faith and the complete renewal on Judgment Day.”

(Christian Dogmatics, by Francis Pieper, Volume III, pg. 3, 1953 CPH)

“In its narrow sense, sanctification designates the internal spiritual transformation of the believer of the holiness of life which follows upon justification.” (Christian Dogmatics, by Francis Pieper, Volume III, pg. 4, 1953 CPH)

In Scripture we will look at the following passages concerning Sanctification.

Sanctification in the Wide Sense:

I Corinthians 6:11 – “And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were **sanctified**, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.” (NIV 84)

II Thessalonians 2:13 – *But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the **sanctifying** work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.* (NIV 84)

Sanctification in the Narrow Sense:

Galatians 5:16-16-25 – “*So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. 17 – For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. 18 - But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law. 19 – The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: Sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 – idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 – But the FRUIT of The SPIRIT is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 – gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 – Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. 25 – Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.*”