



Living for God Begins with Resting in Him

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Sanctification Through Works

Foundational Scriptures

(1Th 5:14) Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

(1Th 5:15) See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

(1Th 5:16) Rejoice evermore.

(1Th 5:17) Pray without ceasing.

(1Th 5:18) In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

(1Th 5:19) Quench not the Spirit.

(1Th 5:20) Despise not prophesying.

(1Th 5:21) Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

(1Th 5:22) Abstain from all appearance of evil.

(1Th 5:23) 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.

(1Th 5:24) Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

(CLV) 1Th 5:23

Now may the God of peace Himself be hallowing you wholly; and may your unimpaired spirit and soul and body be kept blameless in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ!

(CLV) 1Th 5:24

Faithful is He Who is calling you, Who will be doing it also.

Brothers and Sisters there are many within the church today who's eyes are dull of seeing, who's ears are dull of hearing, and who's understanding is clouded by darkness, but you have the anointing of the Holy One and need no man teach you what is the truth. You are His sheep and you know His voice and you follow no other.

The Word of God says through His apostle Paul that He who is calling you is faithful and that it is the God of peace Himself who is making you holy and keeping your spirit, soul, and body blameless in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ!

How then do we believe that we are making ourselves holy unto God by our works?

The apostle instructs us to admonish the disorderly (*warn them that are unruly*), but who are the disorderly?

Those who do not do that which follows the instruction!

Those who render evil for evil, those who don't comfort the faint of heart (*feeble-minded*), those who do not support the weak, and those who are not patient with ALL men.

(Pro 1:15) My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path:

(Pro 1:16) For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.

(Pro 1:17) Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird.

There seems to be an increasing number of people within the church who seem to always be at the ready to run towards the appearance of evil and make haste to shed blood, but they do not realize that they are like birds hastening towards the snare of the enemy and towards their own demise.

These are quick to judge and condemn others not understanding that they will be judged as they judge others. They are blind to their own unrighteousness and hear not the words of the prophets who warn them of their iniquity. That if they believe it is the workings of the law which sanctifies them they become debtors to the whole law and that Christ has become of none effect unto them and that they have fallen from grace (*Gal 5:2-4*).

These are those who have a form of Godliness but deny the power thereof (*2Tim 3:5*):

(2Ti 3:6) For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

(2Ti 3:7) Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

These people prey on the immature, they take advantage of the unlearned, they lead those who are apt to glorify themselves rather than God into captivity, and because of their diverse lusts, because they are easily led away from the truth, they are ever learning and unable to come to the truth.

(Pro 23:1) When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before thee:

(Pro 23:2) And put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite.

(Pro 23:3) Be not desirous of his dainties: for they are deceitful meat.

(Pro 23:4) Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom.

(Pro 23:5) Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.

(Pro 23:6) Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats:

(Pro 23:7) For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

(Pro 23:8) The morsel which thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up, and lose thy sweet words.

Too many Christians do not consider that which is set before them by a preacher or teacher of the word, and because these are given to appetite (soulish gluttony), because they are desirous of dainty meats (savory, tastes good, appealing to the natural mind or intellect), because they do not cease from their own wisdom, they are led into false doctrines and soon thereafter lose whatever truth they possessed.

I can not begin to tell you of how many truly spiritual Christians I have known who, with the best of intentions and a true heart to serve God, have gone into seminary (cemetery) school only to come out as spiritually dead theologians.

Now I am not saying that there are no spiritual men or women within the church who hold degrees in the Christian disciplines, nor am I saying that there aren't any good bible colleges out there, what I am saying is that those given to apatite need to diligently consider and spiritually discern what is being set before them, not just receive what is being taught because the teacher holds a PhD or a master's degree in theology!

Does one need a formal education, or a degree in theology, to understand what “without me you can do nothing” (*John 15:5*) means, or what “I will cause you to walk in my statutes, keep my judgments and do them” (*Eze 36:26*) means, or what “Faithful is he that called you, who also will do it” (*2The 5:24*) means?

Do you need anyone to explain to you what this means?

(*1Jn 2:26*) These *things* have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.

(*1Jn 2:27*) But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

Then who do we who are in the Spirit, those who have the anointing, those who have spiritual discernment, need anyone to tell us what Isiah 64:6 means?

(*Isa 64:6*) But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Do we need anyone to explain what the apostle Paul meant when he wrote:

(*Rom 4:2*) For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath *whereof* to glory; but not before God.

(*Rom 4:3*) For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

(*Rom 4:4*) Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.

(*Rom 4:5*) But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Brothers and Sisters it's time that we all begin to preach and teach the truth about the power of God's plan of redemption, that our sanctification is not of our works rather of what God is doing within us and through us.

It's time that we begin to continue the work of our Lord and set the captives free.

It's time that we begin to do as our Lord did and praise the Father that He has hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them unto babes and give thanks to Him that the yoke of our Lord is easy, and His burden is light, and that we can have rest in our souls because of all He has done it all for us that we no longer have to try to do for ourselves!

(Heb 4:1) Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left *us* of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

(Heb 4:2) For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard *it*.

(Heb 4:3) For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

Be Blessed and Rest!