

THE SANCTIFIED SPIRIT, SOUL & BODY

"May the God of peace sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:23)

A true disciple of Christ should always be able to make himself (spirit, soul & body) a place where the Lord Jesus can live comfortably in his life. Therefore, every day we must learn to be humble before God to continually give ourselves in every aspect of our lives. Thus our life as a believer can be always pleasing to God and it will always do whatever pleases God.

The Lord Jesus said in Matthew 5:48, "Be ye therefore perfect, as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Here we can see the life of Lord Jesus as He lived as the Son of Man in the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke & John). The philosophy of Jesus' during his life on earth was to do the will of the Father who sent Him and to finish His work (John 4:34). Likewise we as followers of Christ, those who confess to believe in Him and accept Christ as their personal Savior, must live as Christ did (1 John 2: 6).

If we do not live following His example, then we are not following His sanctification plan. God wants all of us to be perfect, flawless believers. This is achieved through faith accompanied by acts consistent with His Word. We are led to perfection through a life of obedience to God's will and need to be ready to accomplish His work.

Believers, who are called by God to experience real change, are people who might first obey the world until they change into men and women in accordance to God's will. Without His grace we cannot change. It is only by His grace that we can become full-fledged believers. For a person who has lived many years to live a lifestyle as inherited by their forefathers, who does not conform to the will of God, needs to adapt to a lifestyle that is in line with God's will, although it may seem even impossible. But what is impossible for man is impossible for God (Luke 1:37).

This is the purpose of salvation in Christ Jesus, which is to redeem believers from a futile way of life and to prepare us to become the perfect Bride of Christ in accordance with our spiritual growth and maturity. So with His precious blood, Christ has come to redeem us from a vain life (1 Peter 1: 18-19).

Being a Christian who can please God is not just a knowledgeable Christian. If we simply follow our view of good, it will cause us to abandon the first love we have received from God. God's grace is the thing that changes our lives. We no longer depend on our subjective view of what is good or what is not, but on His Word.

The gospel is good news, so that we can be transformed into a loving, ever-improving person to follow the example of Jesus Christ. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). Let us not become perfect according to the measure of the world, but let us humble ourselves to be perfect as God desires. from every believer in Him, just as He said to the rich young man: "[...] Come, follow me." (Matthew 19: 16-26) Amen!

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