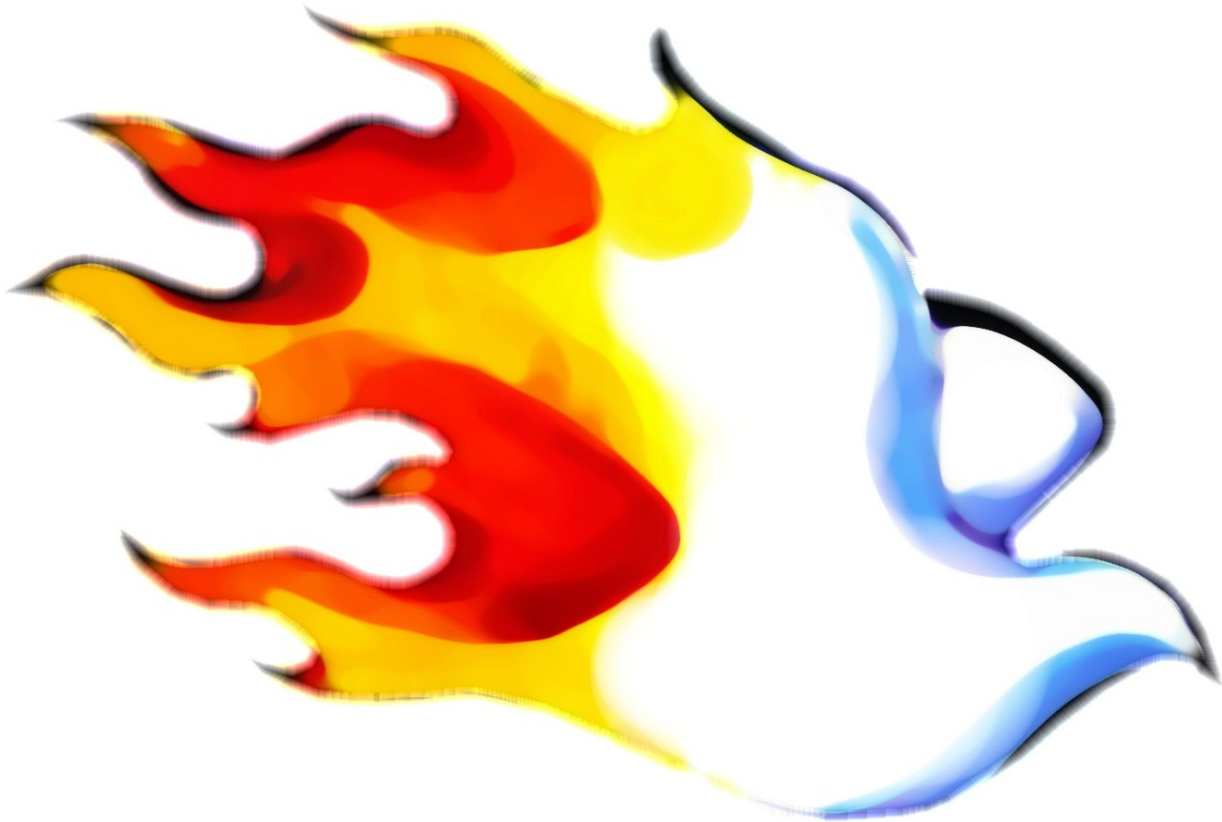


The Light - Junior Series
Lesson 128

*Practical Sanctification...Our Walk
Powered by the Holy Spirit &
God's Grace*



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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If YOU have never personally believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior; you have the opportunity to do so right NOW. Just tell God the Father that you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us so much that He came down from heaven and became a man to take our place and pay for the penalty for all the sins of all mankind. Jesus, the Savior, died on the Cross for your sins and the sins of the whole world. Then Jesus was buried but He rose again and He is alive today seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. When you make the decision to believe in Jesus in simple faith based on His work on the Cross, you are now a believer and will always be a child of God. When you die, you will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. *(Acts 16:31) "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." (John 3:16) "God loved the world so much that He gave is One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*



LESSON



Hi Kids, we're going to pick up where we left off last time in our practical sanctification study.

That brings us to the question for the day about practical sanctification: is it the Holy Spirit's work or yours? Remember, the answer is: YES! This means it's BOTH...the Holy Spirit and yours. It's the grace of God and our answer to the grace of God, which is our participation or our walking and working in His grace. We see this with the "put AWAY." and "put ON." in Paul's letters.



And the "put AWAY" in [Colossians](#) is actually a true statement telling us that we HAVE "put away" the old man or "put off" the old man when we were crucified with Christ.

Remember, kids, when you believed in Jesus, everything that belongs to Jesus, belongs to you...that means everyone who ever believes in Him was **in Him** when He died on the cross. His victory over sin is our victory over sin. We became **free** and are **no longer slaves to our old man or our flesh**. That's why we can put the old man away. We are not slaves to it anymore.



We have been freed from the slavery of the old man, and we are also called to put that old man away. We put him away **by choosing** to no longer do the things and no longer have the attitudes of the old man. **God's grace and the Holy Spirit gives you the ability to do this.** We just **choose** to go with His grace and **choose** to obey by **His power in us...the Holy Spirit.**



By grace we believers have been baptized or placed into Jesus. We have been placed into His death on the cross, and then into His burial in the tomb, and then into the Risen Jesus when the Holy Spirit brought Him back to life. **This is amazing...think about this!!!** You were in Jesus when all this happened to Him. This is God's divine plan

for today's believers.

Now knowing this, we take action! That's what we're called to do: walk, run, fight, put away, put on, stand our ground. God is training His sons and daughters...that's you!!! God is NOT training or programming robots! **You have to choose.**



We are God's sons and daughters...

Sons and daughters believe. Sons and daughters learn the Word of God. Sons and daughters let the Word of God live inside them totally. Sons and daughters set their minds on the things above where Jesus is. Sons and daughters think of the members of their body as dead to the old man or the flesh. Sons and daughters put away the sins of the flesh. Sons and daughters present the members of their body as instruments of holiness to God. Sons and daughters have their **minds renewed or changed by God's Word.** Sons and

daughters put on the attitudes and behaviors of Jesus. Sons and daughters walk by means of the Spirit. Sons and daughters put on the armor of God and fight the good fight. Sons and daughters run the race set before them by their heavenly Father...your practical sanctification...set apart for a purpose. Sons and daughters do all these things by grace through faith knowing that what they are, they are by the grace of God in Jesus.



Sons and daughters do what they do by the strength that God provides because Jesus lives inside of them. Eph 2:10 "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works (our practical sanctification), which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them (by means of the Holy Spirit and God's Grace)."

Let's look at this one other way.

If you were God...who would you want to see being ACTIVE on this earth? Those who are spiritually dead in their trespasses and sins...unbelievers? Eph 2:1-3 "And you (as unbelievers) were dead in your trespasses and sins, (2) in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air (the devil), of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience (unbelievers). (3) Among them we too all once lived in the lusts of our flesh (our old man), giving into the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest (of the unbelievers)."

OR...these guys...believers?



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Col 3:10-17 "...and having put on the new man who is being renewed (changed) to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him (Jesus) (11) a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek (all non-Jews) and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and **in all (who**

believe in Him). (12) So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; (13) bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; **just as the Lord forgave you**, so also should you. (14) Beyond all these things **put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity**. (15) Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called into one body; and be thankful. (16) Let the Word of Christ richly (totally) live within you, **with all wisdom** teaching

and warning one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (17) Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.”



Here's what's so CRAZY!!!! The unbelievers who are slaves to the flesh have NO TROUBLE AT ALL ACTING THAT WAY!!! It's the only way they can act. It's so easy for them because they are slaves to that nature...the old man...the flesh. This is their normal behavior...sin, disobedience, hatefulness, all kinds of sins.

Yet here we are, God's children, in the Spirit, and we think it's hard to ACT the way God wants us to act...like JESUS! We were born again to be like Jesus and to act like Him!!! Why do we fight it? Because we are in that BATTLE with the old man against the Spirit! Yes, indeed.

BUT you can do it by means of the Holy Spirit and God's grace. Just **choose to do so** and believe it, it gets easier when you let the Spirit guide you. But you have to study the Word of God A LOT.



Now look where we end up in our study in [Colossians](#)...our practical sanctification subject...right back to the heart of practical Christianity: our relationships in our personal family. [Col 3:18](#) "Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. (19) Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them. (20) **Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord.** (21) Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart."

Of course, we must also remember that this means our behavior in our relationships with the family of God...with fellow believers as well.

Now by returning here, we come with a changed mind concerning the amazing things God has done for us in Jesus to make this life and our walk possible. Our practical everyday walk with the Spirit now brings our lives into obedience with the power and meaning of the cross of Jesus. It's His grace all the way!



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By renewing or changing our hearts with the true knowledge about Jesus from God's Word makes Jesus our life. Jesus is where all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge live. This is the practical importance of a daily relationship with the Word of God because it puts Jesus right in the center of our lives.

Now kids, this is one GREAT WAY to get a quick lesson in practical sanctification and I hope you remember to come back to [Colossians 3](#) any time you need a refresher on this. Read it over and over again.

But there is another way to get these lessons in practical sanctification that is a bit harder and we will study that next time. And next time we will see more scriptures, from different New Testament books. You'll see the same pattern though, again and again.



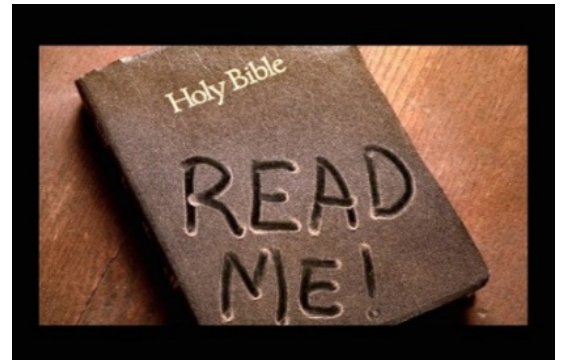
So, let's close today's study with a picture of the pattern, which comes from [Ephesians 4:17-25](#). "So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles (unbelievers) also walk, in the futility of their mind, (18) being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness

of their heart (unbelief); (19) and they, having become hard, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness. (20) **But you did not learn Christ in this way,** (21) if indeed

you have heard Him and have been taught in Him **(and you have)**, just as truth is in Jesus, (22) that, in reference to your former manner of life (as an unbeliever), you put aside the old man, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, **(23) and that you be renewed (changed) in the spirit of your mind, (24) and put on the new man, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.** (25) Therefore, putting aside lies, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE of you WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another." Jesus loves you, kids. Walk like HIM!

Until next time, stay in God's Word.

Close in prayer.



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