

The Light - Junior Series
Lesson 123

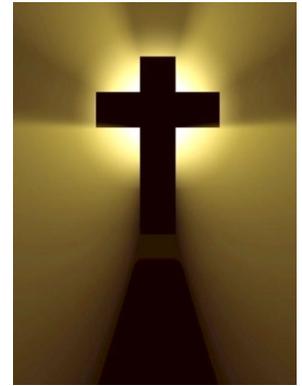
Practical Sanctification
From the Cross to Your Daily Life in Jesus



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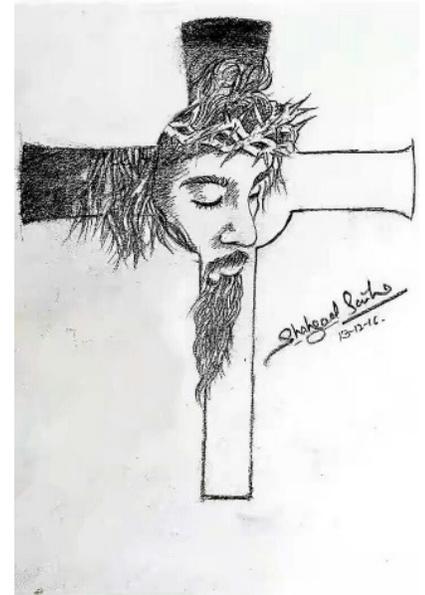
If YOU have never personally believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior; you have the opportunity to do so right NOW. Just tell God the Father that you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us so much that He came down from heaven and became a man to take our place and pay for the penalty 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

In our past lessons we have learned many things that have been done for by Jesus Christ on the cross.

1. The blood of Christ has cleansed us from our sins...REDEMPTION.
2. God has declared us to be righteous or perfect in His eyes forever.
3. God the Father condemned sin in the flesh at the cross of Jesus Christ.
4. Sin shall not be master over us, because we are not under law of sin, but under God's grace.
5. Jesus and the Holy Spirit live inside us.
6. We will live with Jesus forever in perfect bodies without sin.



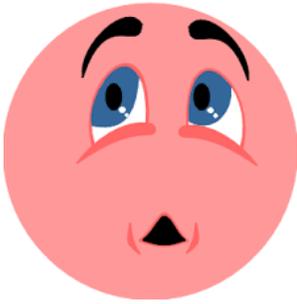
But how do we use these amazing things in our everyday life?

In our everyday life we will always be challenged by our sinfulness. This especially happens after growing more in the knowledge of Jesus...when we learn new things about Him and get closer to Him. As we learn, we love Jesus more and more. This makes us humble and amazed by the absolutely wonderful things the Lord has done for us.



Then BOOM...the spiritual attack comes and our sinfulness acts up again. Sin is in our flesh. When sin starts acting up it is because of spiritual warfare, the world, and other people, and often from ourselves when we don't think about what we have in Jesus.

We go back and forth as a Christian and it's difficult because we do not see Him. He's in heaven...we are on earth. Here's where the Holy Spirit comes in...he fights with our flesh to help us say NO to sin. Here's where our FAITH comes in...trust God because He gave us solutions to fight this.



But still we may feel guilt in our souls because of it. Then we must realize that's because we can made wrong choices. Look on the bright side. We can still make right choices with the help of the Holy Spirit. Really, kids, God has this all taken care of. HE FORGAVE US at the CROSS of JESUS CHRIST! Forget the sin and move on making good choices.

But know this: your heavenly Father wants VERY MUCH for us to be the way He made us to be. Eph 4:1-3 tells us what to do. "Therefore I, the prisoner (Paul the Apostle) of the Lord, **beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called (by God),** (2) with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, (3) being diligent to preserve the unity of the (Holy) Spirit in the bond of peace."

In other words, when sin starts acting up, we must walk again in the power of the Holy Spirit and the Word in your soul, making right choices.

How do we do that? And how do we put that together with all those wonderful PERMANENT things that we know the Lord gave us that remain true and always will be true about us in Christ?



We learn in God's wonderful **WORD** [2 Pet 3:18 "...but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen."] that **we must walk in the way God wants us to walk to please Him** and we must do it every day. **This is called "practical sanctification"**. 1 Cor 1:30 "But by His (God the Father's) doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us **wisdom** from God, and **righteousness and sanctification** (our daily walk), and

redemption, (31) so that, just as it is written, 'LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD.'"



In other words, we know that we are in Christ Jesus, and have a great joy in knowing that...safe and secure in Christ forever! What this means for us in our time on earth is that God has a plan for us. When we were saved by grace, he set us apart for that purpose. And it means that Christ Jesus is there for us as the example of wisdom from God. That's why we study about Jesus so we can be more like Him every day.

The New Testament letters teach us all we need to know about practical sanctification. So, let's have that lesson right now. We are NOT to WORRY about our practical sanctification but are to do it...**walk in the way God wants us to!**

We see this so beautifully in **Col 3:1-21**. God the Holy Spirit wrote it for all believers! "Therefore, if you have been raised up with Christ (and you have been), keep seeking the things above (God things), where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. (2) **Set your mind** on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. (3) For you have died (with Jesus) and your life is hidden with Christ in God. (4) When Christ, who is our life, is revealed (at the Rapture of the believers), then you also will be revealed with Him in glory."

Notice where we begin: with Christ, seated at the right hand of the Father. We are not there with Him in our earthly bodies but we are there with Him spiritually until the day we receive our new resurrection bodies just like His when He comes for us in the Rapture.

So, we are to set our mind on Jesus, on the things above. We are to remember that when Christ died, we died with Him. That our life now is hidden with Christ in God.



We also learn what we receive from Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me."



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It's so wonderful then to think about the things from above: about the day Jesus will come for us at the Rapture. We'll get our heavenly perfect resurrection bodies just like Jesus'. Then to think way out to when Christ comes back to the whole world at His Second Coming and we get to come with him and be revealed with Him in

glory.

This is the heavenly. This is the wonderful Romans 8:18-23 teachings. Rom 8:18 "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time (on earth) are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. (19) For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. (20) For the creation was subjected to uselessness, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope (21) that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and get the freedom of the glory of the children of God. (22) For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together like pains of childbirth until now. (23) And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit (Jesus' Resurrection), groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for (our) adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies (at the Rapture)."

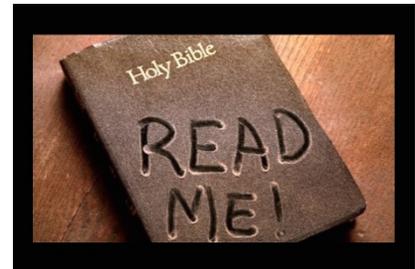
Now notice in Col 3:5 the turn back to our earthly body. Back to reality in our bedrooms, our kitchens, the ball field, the job, the congregation, the temptations to sin, and the world pressing in on us again. **Therefore, consider the members of your earthly body as dead to (the sins of) immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.**" We are DEAD to sinning because we are in Christ and HE overcame sin...HE defeated sin...and so we are not slaves to sin anymore.

The great thing about being a Christian is that stepping out into our daily lives with its daily problems doesn't hold us back! We just remember what we have in JESUS...THINGS FROM ABOVE! We have the Holy Spirit to remind us ALL THE TIME to think on these things from above...and the difference the cross makes in our lives.



So, set your mind on Jesus.
Remember HIM. Then consider what
He brings to your daily life...all things
from above!

Until next time...stay in God's Word.



Close in prayer.

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