

The Light - Junior Series
Lesson 124

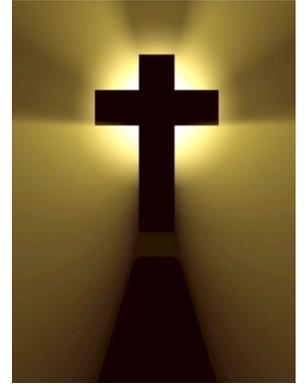
Practical Sanctification
Jesus Wants Us to do Our Job



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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

We learned last time that the New Testament letters, especially the Apostle Paul's letters, teach us all we need to know about practical sanctification. Here's a partial list of Paul's letters because we're using Colossians and Ephesians in our lesson today.

However, let's look back at what SANCTIFICATION means.

We've been using this BIG word so much when learning God's plan for our lives and learning about how we are to live the WAY HE wants us to live. So, let's review before we go on...



Sanctification happens to us the very moment we believe in Jesus. In an instant, we were taken out of the devil's darkness and brought into the wonderful LIGHT, that is Jesus Christ! We were literally snatched out of the devil's world and into Jesus! **Jump for joy!!! It is your GREATEST GIFT EVER!!!!**

So back to what sanctification means: the moment we believe, we are sanctified in Jesus. That means we were **set apart by God for a**

Paul's Letters in Chronological Order: Part 2

1st Roman Imprisonment		
	From Rome to the EPHESIANS Jews + Gentiles = One New Man!	Paul paints a picture of what a healthy, unified body of Christ looks like.
	From Rome to the PHILIPPIANS In joy, peace, and humility we press on!	Paul encourages the church to stay focused and press on in spite of the false teachers.
	From Rome to the COLOSSIANS Jesus is the supreme head, so grow in Him!	Paul emphasizes the humanity and deity of Jesus in order to counteract false teaching about the identity of Christ.
	From Rome to the PHILEMON Take back your slave as a brother!	Paul encourages Philemon to receive his runaway slave, Onesimus, since he has now received Jesus and wants to repent.
After Acts		
	From Macedonia to 1 TIMOTHY Lead the Ephesian church well!	Paul encourages the young pastor, Timothy, to stay in Ephesus and not be intimidated by the older men who are teaching heresy. He should lead with strength and courage.
	From Crete to TITUS Lead the Cretan church well!	Paul encourages the young pastor, Titus, to lead the church on the island of Crete with confidence.
End Roman Imprisonment		
	From Rome to 2 TIMOTHY I'm going to die, so carry the torch!	In the face of his imminent execution, Paul writes his final words of encouragement to his beloved disciple, Timothy.

purpose...God's purpose for us on earth. We have a job to do every day...God's Way.

Remember, we are NOT to WORRY about our practical daily sanctification but are to do it...**walk in the way God wants us to!** We are to do our job...live like Jesus wants us to live.

Be are going to spend most of the time in our lesson today in the Apostle Paul's letter to the [Colossians](#).

Now consider what Jesus brings to your daily life. For example, here are some things Jesus wants us to do in [Col 3:6-11](#). "For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience (unbelievers), (7) and in them you also once walked (when you were an unbeliever), when you were living in them (your sinful old man). (8) But now (you are a believer) you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. (9) Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old (sinful) man with its evil practices, (10) and have put on the new man who is being renewed to a true knowledge (of God's WORD) according to the image of the One who created him — (11) a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek (non-Jews) and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all."



So, here we get definite commands to put aside (don't do this) anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from our mouths. And we are commanded not to lie to one another.

Notice that even here, where we are given a very definite command not to lie to one another, that it all centers on what happened to our old sinful man at the cross (he's gone forever!) and further, it all centers on our new man learning and using the true **knowledge** of God's WORD so we can obey Jesus' definite commands. Of course, the Holy Spirit helps us to do this.

You already put on this new man when you believed in Jesus. So, we can stop lying to one another not because we'll get in trouble, not because curses will come down upon us if we keep lying...NO! We stop lying to one another because we are being built up spiritually in our minds to be like Jesus with the true knowledge from God's WORD about who we really are now...who we are in Christ...who we are since Christ lives in us.



It's teaching! It's teaching from the Bible, from the New Testament letters written by Paul, teaching about who we are now.

Guess what? The Holy Spirit will help you obey these commands because He's the power in you that allows you to obey them.

Amazing, isn't it? Yes, it is.



With Bible teaching, we are learning about our NEW man...which we got when we were saved. Do you see it? When the new us learns about who we really are, we stop lying because we want to. We are very thankful to Jesus for all He has done for us on the cross. We want to be like Him. We want to please Him. The teaching from God's Word is what makes us different than we were before we believed in Jesus! It fills our soul so we can make good decisions that God wants us to make.

Teaching that Jesus lives in us helps us not to have anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech come from our mouth. It helps us to stop lying to one another.

This is because of our beautiful, precious, perfect Jesus!! This is really deep stuff, kids...and you are learning about it!

So, how does that work in our daily lives...in our practical sanctification?

Simple...substitution! You must substitute the attitudes and behaviors of Jesus for the attitudes and behaviors of Adam, when he disobeyed God and sinned in the Garden. We got our old sinful man from Adam. We got our new man from Jesus.

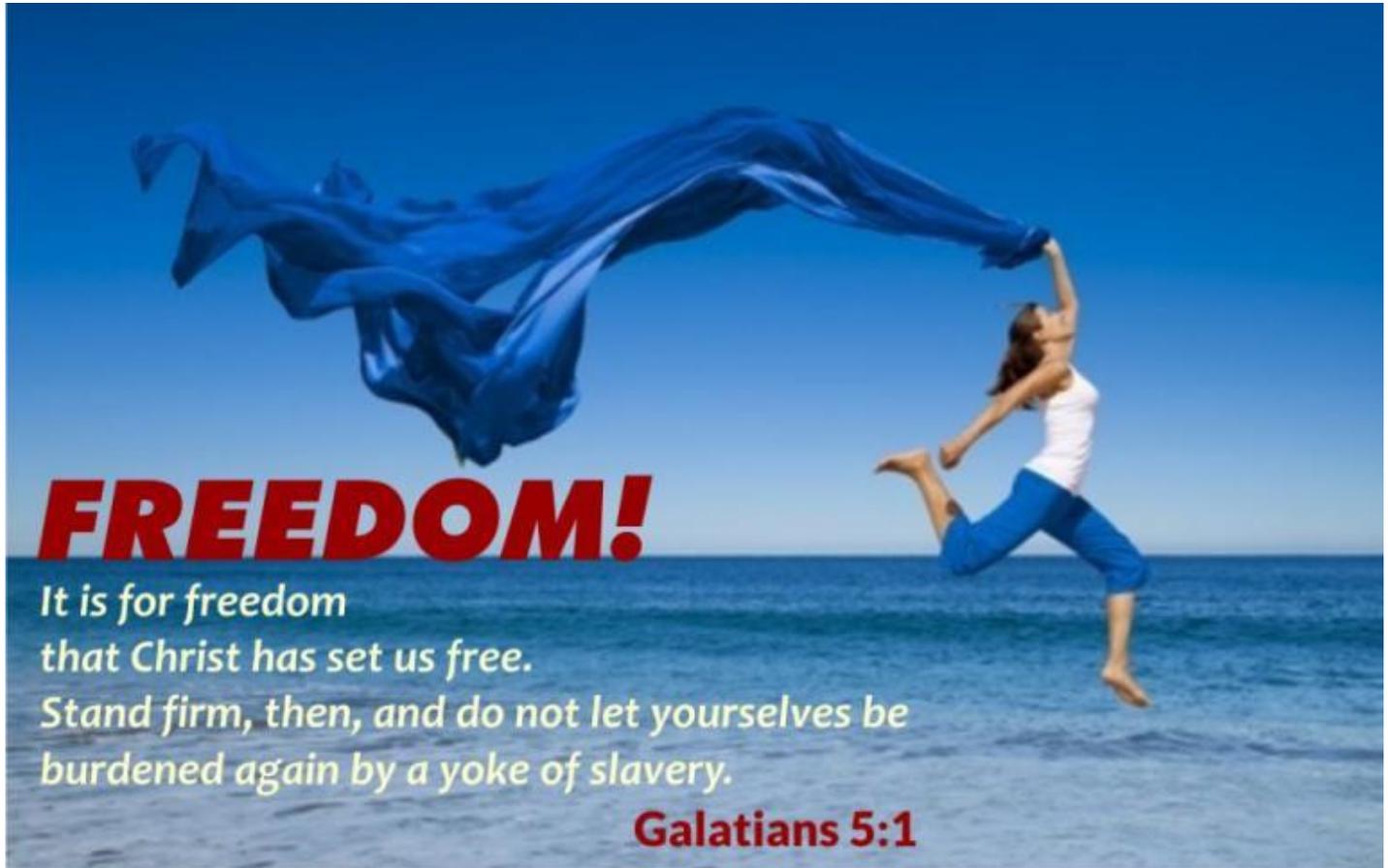


You can substitute the new man (you now in Jesus) for the old sinful man; substitute the encouragements from the Holy Spirit for the temptations of the sinful flesh; substitute your self-image as a son of God for that old self-image as a slave to your sinful flesh and keep getting your spiritual mind renewed or built up with Bible teaching. THAT is what helps you to win these victories. [Heb 4:12](#) "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and recognizing the thoughts and intentions of the heart."



The word of God, the **sword of the Spirit**, attacks and stops those old sinful strongholds in you that have kept you in slavery to your sinful flesh and this ugly world.

You are FREE!!!! Free in Jesus! God's WORD breaks those chains!



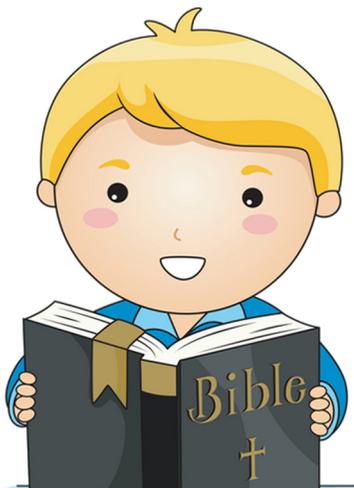
SO NOW...since you are FREE and learning God's WORD and becoming more and more like Jesus...look what our new man has to do in Col 3:12-17. "So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, **put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;** (13) bearing with one 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 in one body; and **be thankful**. (16) **Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you**, with **all wisdom, teaching** and advising 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.**"



It's tough, this everyday work going on in you...this job you have been given, but you have the Word of God and the Holy Spirit teaming up to do battle on your behalf.

The results are that you will make the decisions to put away anger and replace it with compassion; put away wrath and replace it with kindness; put away malice and replace it with humility; put away slander and replace it with gentleness; put away abusive speech and replace it with patience and with kind words and capture every one of your thoughts to obey Jesus.

This also happens by going into the stubborn parts of our souls and removing the old thinking and replacing it with the new thinking...God's thinking...the mind of Jesus from the Bible. **The Holy Spirit will help you every time to do this.** This new thinking comes from the God's word! The Bible! This is what you were sanctified for...set apart for. It is the real work going on inside the real you and all believers and our part in it is to let the Word of God dwell richly inside us so we can make these decisions to obey Jesus.

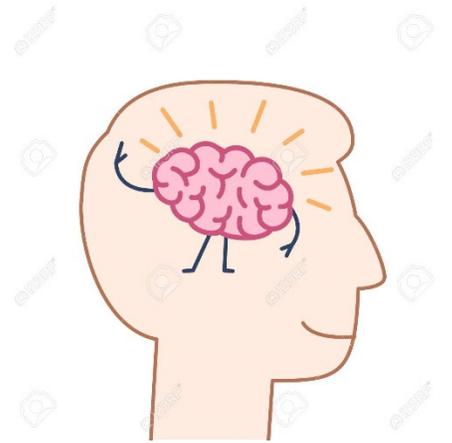


That is our job as Christians here on earth. You are LIGHT not darkness! You shine for Jesus when you obey Him. So, we end up on our walk through Colossians today right back into the heart of practical Christianity...practical sanctification...our job on earth.

It all ties in with our lessons on relationships in marriage and the family that we studied in past lessons. [Col 3:18](#) "Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. (19) Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter against them. (20) Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord. (21) Fathers, do not frustrate your children, so that they will not lose heart."

Let's come with a renewed mind from God's Holy Word concerning the amazing things God has done for us in Jesus to make this life and our everyday walk possible.

Again, kids, the Holy Spirit helps us obey Jesus' commands with His power and the effects from the cross of Jesus by renewing or building up our minds with true knowledge about Christ...WHO IS OUR LIFE. And in Him are all the treasures of our life...wisdom and knowledge about Jesus.



This is the practical importance of a daily relationship with the Word of God. See how this power makes us succeed in the job He has for us after we become Christians. That's what sanctification is...our being set apart as Christians to do the job God has for us here on earth. He gave us all the tools to do it.

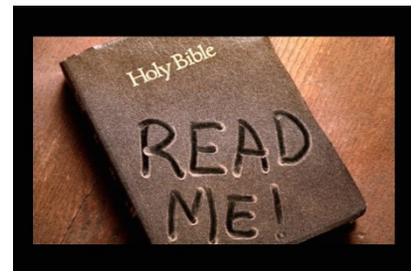
Now this is one great way to get a quick lesson in practical sanctification by coming back to [Colossians Chapter 3](#) any time you need a refresher on this subject. So keep going back to refresh your thinking.

Let's close today with a picture of the pattern in the Word of God about our practical sanctification in another book of the Bible written by the Apostle Paul in [Ephesians 4:17-25](#). "So this I say, and uphold together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles (unbelievers) also walk, in the uselessness of their mind, (18) being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance (of the Gospel of Jesus) that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; (19) and they, having become cold-hearted, have given themselves over to sensuality (sinfulness) 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, just as truth is in Jesus, (22) that, **in reference to your former manner of life (as an unbeliever...the old sinful man), you lay aside the old man (put away the sinful old man), which is being corrupted in accordance**

with the lusts of deceit, (23) and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind (by God's WORD), (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, laying aside lies, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE of you WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another. "



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



Close in prayer.

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