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8/16/16 - The Gospel, Salvation, and Sanctification - Part 113

Salvation and the Spirit

- Isn't it the work of the Spirit that convicts someone and saves them?
- Isn't it super-natural, for a person to turn from self and turn to Christ in their heart?

Salvation and the Spirit

Any actual growth, whether it be in a literal tree or in the soul of a man, is an absolute miracle, only possible by the omnipotence of God.

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The Spirit is the One who helps people believe, even if we don't actually say the word "believe" to others (i.e. Acts 2 & 3). This is why we go out and trust the Spirit in what needs to be done, or said.

Salvation and the Spirit

When we get out of the way, the Spirit puts words into our mouth. And by God's grace, we will find ourselves "combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words" that we had no intent of putting together.

Giving the Gospel

People don't need to hear fancy words, they need to see that you care. THAT'S what motivates them to listen to the Good News. That's the love of Christ in you.

Giving the Gospel

If we would just get out of the way, dropping our personal insecurities, which is really our arrogance, then sharing the gospel would be easy, as the faith of a child would share it!

The Spirit Testifies

The Spirit testifies with our own spirit that all of these wonderful things are given to us because God loves His children!

The Dynamic Spiritual Life

God's love, through His Spirit, will see our sanctification to fruition. He guarantees it, as the Great Benefactor, the only One motivated by perfect love, and the only

One with the perfect power to pull it all off!!

Baker's Dictionary

The Holy Spirit is the dynamic of sanctification. Jesus said that he had to go away so that the Holy Spirit would indwell believers (Jn 14:16-20). The "Holy" Spirit is so named not because he is more holy than the Father and the Son, but because his specific ministry vis-a-vis salvation is sanctification (Ro 15:16; 1Th 4:3-4; 2Th 2:13; 1Pe 1:2).

The Spirit of Jesus

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus Himself, (i.e. Acts 16:6-7), and we thank the Father that He didn't leave us alone, but His Spirit mentors us, encourages us, prays for us, and guides us.

"sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth"

"By the Spirit" refers to His ministry; "faith in the truth" refers to the substance of His ministry; taken together, we are sanctified.

1Th 4:3

For this is the will of God, your sanctification;

Ro 8:29

For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son,

Sanctification Perspectives

God's Perspective

- Sanctified (set apart for Him)

Man's Perspective ("phases")

- Positional (imputed R+ / judicially)
- Experiential (imparted R+ / daily)
- Ultimate (completed R+ / eternally)

Ultimate Sanctification

This is the final phase of the salvation process (1Th 5:23) - the glorification of the believer (Php 3:21) in the likeness of our Lord (Jn 8:54). It is guaranteed on the merits of Christ (Heb 10:10-14). It is realized at resurrection (Jn 11:25-26) when believers will be transformed and presented to the Lord as holy (Eph 1:4). (Eph 1:9-14; 1Jn 3:1-2)

Ultimate Sanctification

God gave us an imagination so we could picture this Great Day, the Day of ultimate sanctification and perfection, the day we are rescued from this world forever.

Ultimate Sanctification

The Spirit guarantees it, and He is our down-payment on ultimate redemption, to the praise of God's glory. Eph 1:9-14

Ultimate Sanctification

And ultimately, one day, we will be just like our Lord, by His grace, forever and ever. 1Jo 3-1-2

The Eternal State Experience

- No more flesh with resurrection body (1Co 15)
- No more tears, death, mourning, crying, or pain (Rev 21:4)
- No more marriage or procreation (Mt 22:30)
- No need for the sun (Rev 22:5)

Ultimate Sanctification

This is the ultimate promise, and therefore the ultimate motivation, to living for Christ now, for living by faith while we still have time, and for going out and making disciples for our Lord, so we can honestly be a "fellow partaker" in His gospel, forever and ever, as we celebrate HIM for all eternity!