

WISDOM FROM GOD'S WORD

Joy in Jesus Christ

Living the Sanctified Life: Introduction

Philippians 2:12-13

Truth: Living the sanctified life brings great joy to the Christian because it is the goal of salvation to be more like Jesus.

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - Contradiction: a statement or proposition that denies itself or another statement and is logically incongruous; inconsistent; incompatible; conflicting.
 - Paradox: a statement or proposition that *seems* self-contradictory or absurd but in reality expresses God's truth.
 - Justified: a legal term in which God declares a person forgiven of all sin and is righteous before Him; salvation.
 - Romans 5:1-2
 - Sanctification: the progressive work of God and man that makes us less like our sinful self and more like Jesus Christ in our daily life.
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1. The issue with sanctification.

“Christians are happy to live *with* Jesus in the next life, but not so happy in living *for* Jesus in this life.”

2. Three stages in sanctification.

- When sanctification begins.
 - How sanctification develops.
 - The two-fold completion of sanctification.
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3. Motives for living the sanctified life.

- Our love for Jesus (John 14:15,21).
 - To have a clear conscience before God (1 Timothy 1:5-6; 1 Peter 3:15-16).
 - To be an effective instrument in bringing honor and glory to Jesus Christ and His Kingdom (2 Timothy 2:20-21).
 - To see non-Christians come to faith in Jesus Christ through our witness (1 Peter 3:1-2,15-16).
 - To receive the continued blessing of the Lord in our life and work (1 Peter 3:8-9).
 - The desire to avoid God's displeasure and chastisement in life (1 Peter 1:13-17).
 - The desire to receive a greater heavenly reward (Matthew 6:19-21).
 - The desire for a closer walk with Jesus in this life (Galatians 5:16-18).
 - The desire for peace in our life (Isaiah 26:3-4).
 - The desire to do what God commands because His commands are right (Psalm 40:8).
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