

Paul's Letter to the
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Ch. 11:22-24



1 JOHN 2:15-16



“Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.”

HABAKKUK 2:4



“Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by his faith.”

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THE SEVERITY OF GOD IS TERRIFYING

"I Myself will war against you with an outstretched hand and a mighty arm, even in anger and wrath and great indignation. "I will also strike down the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast; they will die of a great pestilence. "Then afterwards," declares the LORD, "I will give over Zedekiah king of Judah and his servants and the people, even those who survive in this city from the pestilence, the sword and the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their foes and into the hand of those who seek their lives; and he will strike them down with the edge of the sword. He will not spare them nor have pity nor compassion." Jer. 21:4-7

Matt 24:2 "And He [Jesus] said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down."















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SALVATION VS. SANCTIFICATION



- A. Salvation is Monergistic—it is totally 100% a work of God.
- B. Sanctification is Synergistic—YOU HAVE be involved in it.

Definition: “To be set apart” from common use, “to be made holy.” The nature of sanctification is twofold in that Christians have been made holy through Christ and are called to continue to grow into and strive for holiness by cooperating with the indwelling Holy Spirit until they enjoy complete conformity to Christ.”

STAY CLOSE TO THE LORD



- ❖ Work at it, be active in it, nurture your relationship with Jesus Christ. You neglect this to your own peril.

2 Peter 1:10-11 Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

Jude 21 “keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.” (this is a command!)

JOHN 15:1-11

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit....



"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so **prove** to be My disciples. "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. "These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.

SOME MORE

John 8:31 “So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.”



Col 1:22-23 “Yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach— if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.”

Heb. 3:12-14 “Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God.”

WHAT HAPPENED TO DEMAS?

Col. 4:14 “Luke, the beloved physician, sends you his greetings, and also Demas.”

Phil 23-24 “Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you, as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow workers.”

2 Tim. 4:9-10 “Make every effort to come to me soon; for Demas, **having loved this present world**, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica.”



PAUL TO TIMOTHY



1 Tim. 4:16 Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.

SALVATION



“If you truly have it—you never lose it.”

“If you lose it—you never truly had it.”

1 John 2:19 “They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.”

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On The Christian Walk



“There is a note of caution in these words. “God’s goodness” cannot be abused, it cannot be taken lightly. It is not a license for spiritual promiscuity. A Christian cannot trifle with sin and carnality. The grace of God will not permit sinful indulgences. One cannot buy off God with liberal offerings or absolutions, a practice in the Roman Catholic Church. The grace of God is a call to separation, to spiritual sobriety and consecrated living. It demands holiness of life, and requires a consistent daily walk. “ye shall be holy ; for I am holy” (1 Peter 1:16; Lev. 11:44).” Sanford C. Mills

1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-12

“For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea; and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and all ate the same spiritual food; and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ.



Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness. Now these things happened as examples for us, so that we would not crave evil things as they also craved. Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, “THE PEOPLE SAT DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK, AND STOOD UP TO PLAY.” Nor let us act immorally, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day. Nor let us try the Lord, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the serpents. Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. **Therefore** let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.

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