

**REDEEMED Series Road Map**

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**Redeemed #47 – Sanctification Part 6**

Book Recommendation: *None*

Note:

**6a – Progressive Sanctification: Living in Two Kingdoms**

**We've Changed Kingdoms**

**Col. 1:9** And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, **10** so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; **11** being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; **12** giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. **13** He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, **14** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**Acts 26:14** And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' **15** And I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. **16** But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, **17** delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you **18** to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

Jerry Bridges wrote:

We were under the power of Satan (Acts 26:18) and the dominion of darkness (Colossians 1:13). Paul said we were slaves of sin (Romans 6:17). We were born into this kingdom of sin, slavery, and death. Every person who has ever lived since Adam, except for the incarnate Son of God, has been born a slave in the kingdom of sin and Satan.

But, through our union with Christ we have died to this realm of sin. We have been set free from sin (Romans 6:18), rescued from the dominion of darkness (Colossians 1:13), and turned from the power of Satan to God (Acts 26:18). Before our salvation we were in bondage to sin, under the reign and rule of sin. Regardless of how decent and moral we were, we lived in the kingdom of sin. But now through our union with Christ in His death to sin, we have been delivered out of the realm of sin and placed in the kingdom and realm of righteousness. (Jerry Bridges, *The Pursuit of Holiness*, p48-49)

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## **6b – Progressive Sanctification: Warfare Between the Two Kingdoms**

Graeme Goldsworthy wrote:

In the period between the first and second comings of Christ, Christians battle against the old, alien order in the world (Rom 12:2, Jas 1:27), the flesh (Gal 5:17) and the devil (1 Peter 5:8-9). Warfare and struggle exist only when two opposing realms are competing. We are in this struggle until we are removed from the world by our death or by the second coming of Christ...Only at the second coming will the old age be destroyed with all that belongs to it...When we understand the overlap of the two ages, we also understand the nature of the struggle within and around us. (Graeme Goldsworthy, According to Plan, p222)

### Fight & Warfare Passages

**Eph. 6:11** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. **12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. **13** Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

**2Cor. 10:3** For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. **4** For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. **5** We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

**1Tim. 6:12** Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

**1Tim. 1:18** This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, **19** holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith,

**2Tim. 4:7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

### 6c – Progressive Sanctification: The War Within

**Rom. 7:13** Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

**Rom. 7:14** For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.

Side Note: Is Paul Writing as a Christian?

**Rom. 7:22** For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being,

**Rom. 8:7** For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.

The Battle within

**Rom. 7:15** For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

**Rom. 7:16** Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good.

**Rom. 7:17** So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

**Rom. 7:18** For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

**Rom. 7:19** For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. **20** Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. **21** So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. **22** For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, **23** but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

**Rom. 7:24** Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? **25** Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

**Rom. 8:1** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.