

**Scripture:** Galatians 5

Lord's Day 32.86-87 #2

**Singing:** 287:1-3 – 68:1-4 – 35:1-6 – 317:1, 2, 3

**Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth. (Eph. 6:14a)**

A. Most children of God live under their spiritual privileges: ponder 1 Cor 1:12 - Rom 5:9 - Rom. 5:11 - 6:22 – 7:6 – 8:1

B. We need to girt ourselves with Biblical truth to withstand the devil's attempt to confuse us about the twin graces of justification and sanctification

a. they are *twin graces*, but they are not *identical twins*

● justification is *legal position*, but sanctification is *experiential condition*

b. mixing them will not destroy your salvation but effect the joy of salvation

**The Spiritual pitfalls hindering life of holiness (2)**

**II. Misunderstanding of riches of the Biblical teaching on sanctification**

A. Holy Spirit used the word 'sanctify' in three different dimensions

1. As believers we are ***positionally sanctified*** in Christ: 1 Cor. 1:2; 6:11

2. As believers will be ***perfectly sanctified in Christ in glorification*** Eph. 5:27

3. As believers we are ***progressively sanctified through our spiritual journey***

a. united by faith to Christ *delivers us from our misery* (Col. 1:12-14)

b. united by faith to Christ *begins our spiritual warfare* (Gal. 5:16-17)

● though delivered from the *binding power and crushing penalty of sin*, we still face the *tempting presence and power of sin*

c. yet united to Christ, we will never be defeated (Rom. 8:36-39)

B. Compare Hebrews 12:14 and 12:24

1. Heb. 12:24 guarantees the perfected sanctification: *spirits made perfect*
  
2. Heb. 12:14 exhorts the progressive sanctification: *follow after holiness!*
  - God requires His children to *trust & obey (fight) & pray (Eph. 6:18)*

**Application**

A. What is *your misery* as fallen sinner? (John 8:32-35)

1. A life without God is a defeated and lost life here and hereafter

B. Good News: You don't need to continue to live in this defeated and lost life

1. Jesus receives all who are *in distress, discounted and in debt* (2 Sam. 22:1)

C. Objection: *But I don't have a new heart, so I am waiting for God to give it.*

1. Challenge your thinking for it is misguided

a. truth 1: *we need a new heart/spirit*

b. truth 2: *only God can give us this new heart/spirit for we are dead*

c. truth 3: *God promises that He will work this new heart (Ezek. 36)*

d. truth 4: *The new heart is the fruit of being united to Jesus by faith*

**e. truth 5: *God calls you to turn to Him at once in childlike faith***

*Repent and turn yourselves from all your transgressions;  
so iniquity shall not be your ruin.*

*Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed;  
And make you're a new heart and a new spirit:*

*For why will ye die, O House of Israel.*

*For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the LORD God:  
Wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.*

**Ezekiel 18:30-32**