

GFBC Thursday Night's Scriptural Study  
Lesson # 109  
Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 6:7-11 {KJV} Teaching Verse: 11  
{NKJV}

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TEXT ~ I Corinthians 6:11

TITLE ~ THE SANCTIFYING WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE BELIEVER

V~11~{NKJV}~"And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the LORD and by the Spirit of our God."

The sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit in the believer. The sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit is always in full compliance with the is-ness of God.

Once you are born of the Holy Spirit and placed in the body of Christ, God Himself set each member in the body of Christ as it pleased Him. I Corinthians 12:18, {NKJV} says, **"But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased."**

The Daily Walk Bible translation of I Corinthians 12:18 says, **"But God made our bodies with many parts, and He put each part just where He want it."** The Holy Spirit is responsible for managing all the affairs of God.

Every word of God, every prophet promise, every plan, everything that God create, the Holy Spirit is responsible and accountable to God. Every promise God has made, the Holy Spirit is responsible for scheduling and pulling every minute detail together and positioning them for operating condition according to God's specifications.

And the work of the Holy Spirit is perfect, precise precision, and incapable of failure. It is impossible for the Holy Spirit to fail because the Holy Spirit is God and there is no failure in God!

The Holy Spirit is good at what He does. And when you have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, you ought to strive to do your best in everything you do for God. Worship and praise are key steps in pleasing God, but God deserves the best in our obedience, loyalty, commitment, witness, and integrity.

God deserves the best of our time, talents, treasures, and our living. When you love God with all your heart, all of your soul, all of your mind, all of your strength, you ought to delight yourself in giving Him your best.

Some of us leave better tips at restaurants than we give God. God is a good God! He gives and gifts us with unrecycled mercy every day. The Bible says, **"It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness" {Lamentation 3:22-23, KJV}.**

And because of who God is and the unchangeableness of His is-ness, His faithfulness is eternally consistent, dependable, and unfailing because of His eternal fixedness. Therefore, enabling everything in Him and that which is a part of Him to remain as He is; eternally unchangeable.

The freshness of God does not depend upon the recyclableness of anything He created. Consequently, we are not consumed because His compassion fail not.

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No matter how bad your situation is, your condition cannot consume you! When you are in relationship with the LORD, your sorrows, sickness, stress, suffering, shame, stress, tragedies, trauma, misery, and or mental incarceration cannot consume you.

The compassion, and mercies of God are not just for the beginning of a new day, but they are actively engaging every second, every minute, every hour, every day, and every month of the year. And because of God's compassion and mercies, your condition, your situation, and or your discouragement cannot consume you.

The Bible, **"weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning" {Psalms 30:5b}**. Joy comes in the morning because that's when God's new mercies reports for duty.

God's grace, mercies, and the Holy Spirit strengthens and sustains us in our seasons of Gethsemane. The grace and the mercies of God are a part of His entourage.

So when one surrenders his or her life to the LORD, it is God's grace that saves, heals, and delivers. The Bible says, **"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" {Ephesians 2:8, KJV}**.

God's grace saves while His mercy is a demonstrative action whereby He shows compassion, love, kindness, and forgiveness toward those who have the signature of His love and image.

And those who bear the signature of God's love and image are listed on His most wanted list. We were wanted by God before He chose us in Christ. God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world.

In Ephesians 1:4 {KJV}, the Bible says, **"According as He {God} hath chosen us in Him {Christ} before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love."**

The ultimate work of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit is to make us Holy so that when we enter into the thickness of His presence, Jesus and the Holy Spirit can present us holy and without blame in love.

Now! Although the ultimate work of the Holy Spirit is to make us holy, but His in between work remains "on point." His in between work is birthing sinners into believers, leading the body of Christ into all truth, completing the work that God has begun in us, transforming the mind, and metamorphosing us into a living image of the likeness of Jesus Christ.

In I John 3:2 {KJV}, the Bible says, **"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is."** Most of us are okay with the in between work of the Holy Spirit.

But for some of us, as believers, we struggle with the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit. We want to be holy, but we don't live holy. Being holy is not a religion. Being holy is a lifestyle of righteousness in Christ.

All of us have a past. But when you surrender your life unto the LORD, the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit makes you a victor and not a victim of your past. When you allow the Holy Spirit to upgrade your life and your lifestyle, you will discover that your past has no authority over your process of becoming.

When the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit clears you of your past, you need to let Him teach you how to forgive yourself. Because you are born of the Holy Spirit, you are a child of God.

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You are an heir of God. You are a joint heir with Christ. You are sanctified. You are set apart. You are a chosen generation. You are a part of part royal priesthood, a holy nation, who has been called out of darkness into His marvelous light {1 Peter 2:9 KJV}.

All of us have a past. But when you are in Christ, the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit sets you apart as a sanctified vessel for the LORD. A forgiven past is never an issue with God.

In the teaching text in the New King James translation, the Apostle Paul told the Christian at Corinth that, you had a past. **"But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the LORD Jesus and by the Spirit of our God"** {1 Corinthians 6:11}.

In the teaching text, the apostle Paul reminds the believers at the church in Corinth that they have a past. They were idolaters, drunkards extortioners, and fornicators.

However, the Apostle Paul's reminder was just that, a reminder. The believer is now viewed from a progressive perspective. The Apostle Paul said, **"But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the LORD Jesus and by the Spirit of our God."**

In other words, the Apostle Paul was saying, you used to do those things, but now that those things have been washed away and you are cleansed by the Holy Spirit, you are sanctified.

When you are sanctified, you are consecrated for God's service. When you are sanctified, you are dedicated to the LORD and His service. Because of your relationship with Christ, you are not your past.

You've been washed. You've been sanctified. You've been justified, You've been made right with God through the blood and the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

Your new life produces and requires a new kind of living and a new kind of lifestyle. And this is done by the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit.

Before Israel crossed over the Jordan River, Joshua commanded the people, **"Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you"** {Joshua 3:5 KJV}. If you want to experience and see the transformative sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit in your life, let Him consecrate, create in you a clean heart, renew a right spirit in you, transform your mind, and refresh your soul.

In closing, I ask you tonight, are you willing to rededicate and live a consecrate life for the LORD? It is good for others to know what you've been delivered from. But it is better for others to see you living a transformed and sanctified life.

The Sanctifying Work Of The Holy Spirit."

