

Live like you are saved!

Lesson II: Live like. . . .

Intro:

➤ → **Series: Live like. . . .**

- #1 - Live like you are dying!

→ **This lesson:**

- **Title:** Live like you are saved!
- **Purpose:** remind us of our salvation, and the resulting life of one who is saved

➤ #1 Don't forget your purification (salvation)!

→ **2 Pet. 1:9** important not to forget our purification (salvation)

➤ → Remember what Jesus did to purify you.

- **Heb. 1:3** Jesus made purification for our sins — died on the cross, sacrificed Himself

➤ ● **1 Pet. 1:18-19** Jesus redeemed us, purchased us with His blood

➤ ● **1 Pet. 2:21-24** Jesus suffered for us, bore our sins in His body on the cross, die to sin and live to righteousness, healed by His wounds

- **illus.: picture Jesus on the cross**

➤ ● **1 Pet. 3:18** Jesus died for you - the just for the unjust

- **illus.: Jesus' greatly care for you is great!**

- **Time Magazine** carried an interesting story about former President George Herbert Walker Bush — Bush I.

- Bush took a trip back to the South Pacific. During World War II, Bush had been a bomber pilot, and was **shot down by Japanese antiaircraft fire.**

- The article detailed Bush's return to the **very spot where he was rescued** from his downed aircraft.

- During his return visit, **Bush met with a Japanese gentleman who claimed to have witnessed Bush's rescue back in 1944.** The man related that as **he and others were watching the rescue** take place, **one of the man's friends remarked, "Surely America will win the war if they care so much for the life of one pilot."** (Canadian Edition, Time Magazine, 11-23-02)

- **Rom. 5:6-8** while **we were still helpless, Christ died, while we were yet sinners**

➤ → When was your soul purified?

- **1 Pet. 1:22a** Since you have in **obedience to the truth purified your souls. . . .**

- **1 Pet. 3:21** Corresponding to that, **baptism now saves you**--not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an **appeal** to God for a good conscience--**through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,**

➤ → If you forget your purification, you are short-sighted.

- **2 Pet. 1:9** you are short-sighted (can not see afar off)

- **application:** only living for the day , not living in light of judgment and eternity

➤ → If you forget your purification, you'll eventually turn away from God - back to sin.

- **Heb. 5:11-14** not growing, fall away

➤ ● **Heb. 6:4-6** if fall away, crucify Jesus again for yourself

➤ ● **Heb. 10:26-27, 29-30** when we sin willfully, . . .

➤ ● **Heb. 10:30-31** if fall away, expect God's wrath

→ What's this mean to you?

- We should never forget our sanctification — what Jesus did for us, our responsibility to grow spiritually, the significance of our sins when we fall short of God's glory

➤ #2 What will you do, if you remember your purification?

→ Grow to spiritual maturity.

- **2 Pet 1:5-11** explain the message: *epignosis* vs. *gnosis* (*epi* is “on, upon” and denotes top knowledge) — **be diligent**
- “knowledge” is *epignosis*, except vs. 5-6 is *gnosis*
- definitions:
 - ***gnosis***: "a seeking to know, an inquiry, investigation" (Vine); "awareness through study and experience" (Wycliffe)
 - this knowledge pertains to understanding the will of God and the way of salvation through Jesus Christ (Lk. 1:77; Phil. 3:8)
 - ***epignosis***: "to become thoroughly acquainted with, to know thoroughly, to know accurately, know well" (Thayer); spiritual maturity resulting from exercising all eight of the "Christ-like graces" in our lives (2 Pet. 1:5-8)

→ As a mature Christian:

- **You're solid in our faith.**
 - You're **not** "tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in **deceitful scheming**" (**Eph. 4:14**).

- **You're confident of your salvation.**
 - You "know what is the hope of His calling, what are the **riches** of the glory of His **inheritance** in the saints" (**Eph. 1:18**).
 - You "know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be **filled** up to all the fullness of God" (**Eph. 3:19**).
 - **illus.: Paul, near end of life**
 - **2 Tim. 4:6-8** future there is **laid up for me the crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to **all** who have loved His appearing.
 - **Rev. 20:11-21:4** judgment, heaven

- **You're pleasing the Lord in everything you do.**
 - You are walking in a **manner worthy** of the Lord, **pleasing Him in all respects**, bearing **fruit** in every good work and **increasing** in the knowledge of God (**Col. 1:10**).

- **Your whole life brings glory and honor to God, Jesus, and His church.**
 - **Phil. 1:9-11** Christians / church, fruit of righteousness, for the glory and praise of God
 - **Matt. 5:16** let your light shine, glorify your Father who is in heaven.

- **You have a blessed life.**
 - **Acts 13:32-39** Paul 1st missionary journey, preaching in Pisidian Antioch on the Sabbath
 - **vs. 34** the **sure blessings of David**
 - **vs. 38** forgiveness
 - **vs. 39** **freed from all things**, which the Law couldn't free man
 - **Eph. 1:3** blessed, every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,
 - **Eph. 2:5-7** when we were dead in our transgressions, **God made us alive** together with Christ and raised us up with Him, and **seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ** Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might **show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus**.

Conclusion:

➤ → Summary:

- **Life like you are saved!** Never forget our sanctification — what Jesus did for you, your responsibility to grow spiritually, the significance of your sins when we fall short of God's glory.
- If you remember our purification, you'll grow spiritually.
 - You're solid in our faith.
 - You're confident of your salvation.
 - You're pleasing the Lord in everything you do.
 - Your whole life brings glory and honor to God, Jesus, and His church.
 - You have a blessed life.

→ Inv.:

- if you're not a Christian, faithful to God, you can have a blessed life in Christ
- Jesus invites you to become His disciple.

Audio sermon notes:

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