

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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:

- ➤ denotes where to proceed to the next PowerPoint slide.
- All Scriptures are NASB, unless otherwise noted.
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