

# This is Sanctification

**Nowhere else can you obtain as accurate an understanding of what constitutes sanctification, as you can in the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy. This present compilation is full of statements from both sources.**

If you will read this as many times as I did, in the process of preparing it, you will be both awed and humbled by the clarity of its concepts. You will also obtain a better understanding of why, in your frail human nature, you must continually cling to God in order to both fulfill the work He has for you in this life and to, one day, enter the gates of heaven.

For two thousand years, Satan has tried to infiltrate error into the faith of God's people. He has used false ideas regarding what is required of a Christian as a wedge to gain entrance to human minds, and imperceptibly lead them away from God and into sin.

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“Our sanctification is the work of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is the fulfillment of the covenant God has made with those who bind themselves up with Him, to stand with Him, His Son, and His Spirit in holy fellowship. **Have you been born again? Have you become a new being in Christ Jesus? Then cooperate with the three great powers of heaven who are working in your behalf.**”—7 *Bible Commentary*, 908 (MS 11, 1901).

“**True sanctification is an entire conformity to the will of God.** Rebellious thoughts and feelings are overcome, and the voice of Jesus awakens a new life,

## THE INSPIRED WRITINGS EXPLAIN IT BEST

“**Many commit the error of trying to define minutely the fine points of distinction between justification and sanctification.** Into the definitions of these two terms they often bring their own ideas and speculations. **Why try to be more minute than is Inspiration** on the vital question of righteousness by faith? Why try to work out every minute point, as if the salvation of the soul depended upon all having exactly your understanding of this matter? All cannot see in the same line of vision.”—6 *Bible Commentary*, 1072 (MS 21, 1891).

which pervades the entire being. **Those who are truly sanctified will not set up their own opinion as a standard of right and wrong.** They are not bigoted or self-righteousness; but they are jealous of self, ever fearing, lest a promise being left them, they should come short of complying with the conditions upon which the promises are based.”—*Sanctified Life*, 9.

“**Let a living faith run like threads of gold through the performance of even the smallest duties.** Then all the daily work will promote Christian growth. There will be a continual looking unto Jesus. Love for Him will give vital force to everything that is undertaken. Thus through the right use of our talents, we may link ourselves by a golden chain to the higher world. **This is true sanctification; for sanctification consists in the cheerful performance of daily duties in perfect obedience to the will of God.**”—*Christ's Object Lessons*, 360.

“**The sanctification of the soul by the working of the Holy Spirit is the implanting of Christ's nature in humanity.** Gospel religion is Christ in the life—a living, active principle. It is the grace of Christ revealed in character and wrought out in good works. The principles of the gospel cannot be disconnected from any department of practical life. Every line of Christian experience and labor is to be a representation of the life of Christ.

“**Love is the basis of godliness.** Whatever the profession, no man has pure love to God unless he has unselfish love for his brother. But we can never come into possession of this spirit by trying to love others. What is needed is the love of Christ in the heart. **When self is merged in Christ, love springs forth spontaneously. The completeness of Christian character is attained when the impulse to help and bless others springs constantly from within—when the sunshine of heaven fills the heart and is revealed in the countenance.**

“It is not possible for the heart in which Christ abides to be destitute of love. **If we love God because He first loved us, we shall love all for whom Christ died.** We cannot come in touch with divinity without coming in touch with humanity; for in Him who sits upon the throne of the universe, divinity and humanity are combined.

“Connected with Christ, we are connected with our fellow men by the golden links of the chain of love. Then the pity and compassion of Christ will be manifest in our life. **We shall not wait to have the needy**

**and unfortunate brought to us.** We shall not need to be entreated to feel for the woes of others. It will be as natural for us to minister to the needy and suffering as it was for Christ to go about doing good.”—*Christ’s Object Lessons*, 384-385.

**“Justification means the saving of a soul from perdition, that he may obtain sanctification, and through sanctification, the life of heaven.** Justification means that the conscience, purged from dead works, is placed where it can receive the blessings of sanctification.”—*7 Bible Commentary*, 908 (MS 113, 1902).

**“What does the Lord require of His blood-bought heritage?—The sanctification of the whole being,—purity like the purity of Christ, perfect conformity to the will of God . . .** Into the holy city there can enter nothing that defileth, or maketh a lie . . . We can reveal the likeness of our divine Lord. We can know the science of spiritual life. We can honor our Maker . . . **Higher than the highest human thought can reach is God’s ideal for His children.** He wants our minds to be clear,

our tempers sweet, our love unbounding. Then the peace that passeth knowledge will flow from us to bless all with whom we come in contact. The atmosphere surrounding our souls will be refreshing.”—*Sons and Daughters of God*, 348.

**“True sanctification comes through the working out of the principle of love.** ‘God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.’ 1 John 4:16. **The life of him in whose heart Christ abides, will reveal practical godliness. The character will be purified,** elevated, ennobled, and glorified. Pure doctrine will blend with works of righteousness; heavenly precepts will mingle with holy practices.

**“Those who would gain the blessing of sanctification must first learn the meaning of self-sacrifice.** The cross of Christ is the central pillar on which hangs the ‘far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.’ ‘If any man will come after Me,’ Christ says, ‘let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.’ 2 Corinthians 4:17; Matthew 16:24. It is the fragrance of our love for our fellow men that reveals our love for God. **It is patience in service that brings**

#### A BIBLE SUMMARY

**“There is no Bible sanctification for those who cast a part of the truth behind them.** There is light enough given in the Word of God, so that none need err. The truth is so elevated as to be admired by the greatest minds, and yet it is so simple that the humblest, feeblest child of God can comprehend it, and be instructed by it. **Those who see not the beauty that there is in the truth, who attach no importance to the third angel’s message, will be without excuse;** for the truth is plain.

“2 Corinthians 4:3, 4: ‘But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.’

“John 17:17, 19: **‘Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy Word is truth.’** ‘And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.’

“1 Peter 1:22: **‘Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit** unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.’

“2 Corinthians 7:1: ‘Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, **let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.**’

“Philippians 2:12-15: ‘Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God**

**which worketh in you** both to will and to do of His good pleasure. Do all things without murmurings and disputings: that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world.’

“John 15:3: ‘Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.’

“Ephesians 5:25-27: ‘Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.’

**“Here is Bible sanctification. It is not merely a show or outside work. It is sanctification received through the channel of truth. It is truth received in the heart, and practically carried out in the life.**

“Jesus, considered as a man, was perfect, yet He grew in grace. Luke 2:52: ‘And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.’ Even the most perfect Christian may increase continually in the knowledge and love of God.

“2 Peter 3:14, 18: ‘Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless.’ ‘But **grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.** To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen.’”—*1 Testimonies*, 338-340.

## SANCTIFICATION THROUGH OBEDIENCE

“Nothing can give such self-reliance, such courage, such an increase of talents and ability, as a true estimate of the requirements of God’s law . . . **Love for Jesus Christ leads us to obey God’s commandments, which are a lamp to our feet and a light to our path**, securing for us the illuminating, purifying, blissful presence of both the Father and the Son. He who is obedient can commune with God even as did Enoch.”—*Sons and Daughters of God*, 194.

“‘Every man that hath this hope in him,’ he wrote, ‘purifieth himself, even as He is pure.’ ‘He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked.’ 1 John 3:3; 2:6. He taught that **the Christian must be pure in heart and life. Never should he be satisfied with an empty profession.** As God is holy in His sphere, so fallen man, through faith in Christ, is to be holy in his sphere.

“‘**This is the will of God,**’ the apostle Paul wrote, ‘**even your sanctification.**’ 1 Thessalonians 4:3. **The sanctification of the church is God’s object in all His dealings with His people.** He has chosen them from eternity, that they might be holy. He gave His Son to die for them, **that they might be sanctified through obedience to the truth.**”—*Acts of the Apostles*, 559.

“**True sanctification will be evidenced by a conscientious regard for all the commandments of God,** by a careful improvement of every talent, by a circumspect conversation, by revealing in every act the meekness of Christ.”—*7 Bible Commentary*, 908 (*Review*, October 5, 1886).

“**Sanctification is the result of lifelong obedience.**”—*Acts of the Apostles*, 560.

“**True sanctification means perfect love, perfect obedience, perfect conformity to the will of God.** We are to be sanctified to God through obedience to the truth.”—*Acts of the Apostles*, 565.

“God has chosen men from eternity to be holy. **‘This is the will of God, even your sanctification.’ God’s law tolerates no sin, but demands perfect obedience.** The echo of God’s voice comes to us, ever saying, Holier, holier still. And ever our answer is to be, Yes, Lord, holier still.

“**Holiness is within the reach of all who reach for it by faith,** not because of their good works, but because of Christ’s merits. Divine power is provided for every soul struggling for the victory over sin and Satan.”—*7 Bible Commentary*, 908.

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God as the Creator is also the sign of Him as the Sanctifier. The power that created all things is the power that re-creates the soul in His own likeness. **To those who keep holy the Sabbath day it is the sign of sanctification. True sanctification is harmony with God, oneness with Him in character.** It is received through obedience to those principles that are the transcript of His character. And **the Sabbath is the sign of obedience.** He who from the heart obeys the fourth commandment will obey the whole law. **He is sanctified through obedience.**”—*6 Testimonies*, 350.

“**Sanctification consists in the cheerful performance of daily duties in perfect obedience to the will of God.**”—*Christ’s Object Lessons*, 360.

“**Sanctification is a daily work. Let none deceive themselves with the belief that God will pardon and bless them while they are trampling upon one of His requirements.** The willful commission of a known sin silences the witnessing voice of the Spirit, and separates the soul from God. Whatever may be the ecstasies of religious feeling, **Jesus cannot abide in the heart that disregards the divine law.** God will honor those only who honor Him.

“‘**To whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey.**’ If we indulge anger, lust, covetousness, hatred, selfishness, or any other sin, we become servants of sin. ‘No man can serve two masters.’ **If we serve sin, we cannot serve Christ.** The Christian will feel the promptings of sin, for the flesh lusteth against the Spirit; but the Spirit striveth against the flesh, keeping up a constant warfare. **Here is where Christ’s help is needed. Human weakness becomes united to divine strength, and faith exclaims, ‘Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!’**

“**If we would develop a character which God can accept, we must form correct habits in our religious life.** Daily prayer is as essential to growth in grace, and even to spiritual life itself, as is temporal food to physical well-being. We should accustom ourselves to often lift the thoughts to God in prayer. If the mind wanders, we must bring it back; by persevering effort, habit will finally make it easy. **We cannot for one moment separate ourselves from Christ with safety. We may have His presence to attend us at every step,** but only by observing the conditions which He has Himself laid down.”—*Messages to Young People*, 114-115.

**rest to the soul.** It is through humble, diligent, faithful toil that the welfare of Israel is promoted. **God upholds and strengthens the one who is willing to follow in Christ's way.**—*Acts of the Apostles, 560.*

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“**Let none who profess godliness regard with indifference the health of the body, and flatter themselves that intemperance is no sin and will not affect their spirituality.** A close sympathy exists between the physical and the moral nature. The standard of virtue is elevated or degraded by the physical habits. Excessive eating of the best of food will produce a morbid condition of the moral feelings. And if the food is not the most healthful, the effects will be still more injurious. **Any habit which does not promote healthful action in the human system degrades the higher and nobler faculties.** Wrong habits of eating and drinking lead to errors in thought and action. Indulgence of appetite strengthens the animal propensities, giving them the ascendancy over the mental and spiritual powers.”—*Counsels on Health, 67.*

“**Display is not religion nor sanctification.** There is nothing more offensive in God's sight than a display of instrumental music when those taking part are not consecrated, are not making melody in their hearts to the Lord. The offering most sweet and acceptable in God's sight is a heart made humble by self-denial, by lifting the cross and following Jesus.

“**We have no time now to spend in seeking those things that only please the senses.** Close heart searching is needed. With tears and heartbroken confession we need to draw nigh to God that He may draw nigh to us.”—*Evangelism, 510 (Review, November 14, 1899.*

“**Sanctification is not the work of a moment, an hour, or a day. It is a continual growth in grace.** We know not one day how strong will be our conflict the next. Satan lives, and is active, and every day we need to cry earnestly to God for help and strength to resist him. **As long as Satan reigns we shall have self to**

**subdue, besetments to overcome,** and there is no stopping place, there is no point to which we can come and say we have fully attained.

“Philippians 3:12: ‘Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.’

“**The Christian life is constantly an onward march.** Jesus sits as a refiner and purifier of His people; and when His image is perfectly reflected in them, they are perfect and holy, and prepared for translation. A great work is required of the Christian. **We are exhorted to cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.** Here we see where the great labor rests. There is a constant work for the Christian. Every branch in the parent vine must derive life and strength from that vine, in order to yield fruit.”—*I Testimonies, 340.*

“**The sanctification set forth in the Scriptures embraces the entire being—spirit, soul, and body.** Paul prayed for the Thessalonians that their ‘whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.’ 1 Thessalonians 5:23. Again he writes to believers: ‘I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God.’ Romans 12:1 . . . Christians are bidden to present their bodies, ‘a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God.’ **In order to do this, all their powers must be preserved in the best possible condition. Every practice that weakens physical or mental strength unfits man for the service of his Creator.** And will God be pleased with anything less than the best we can offer? Said Christ: ‘Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart.’ **Those who do love God with all the heart will desire to give Him the best service of their life,** and they will be constantly seeking to bring every power of their being into harmony with the laws that will promote their ability to do His will. **They will not, by the indulgence of appetite or passion, enfeeble or defile the offering which they present to their heavenly Father.**”—*Great Controversy, 473-474.*

“The strongest evidence of man's fall from a higher state is the fact that it costs so much to return. The way of return can be gained only by hard fighting, inch by inch, every hour. By a momentary act of will, one may place himself in the power of evil; **but it requires more than a momentary act of will to break these fetters and attain to a higher, holier life.** The purpose may be formed, the work begun; but its accom-

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plishment will require toil, time, and perseverance, patience, and sacrifice.

“Beset with temptations without number, we must resist firmly or be conquered. Should we come to the close of life with our work undone, it would be an eternal loss.

“**Paul’s sanctification was the result of a constant conflict with self. He said: “I die daily.”** 1 Corinthians 15:31. His will and his desires every day conflicted with duty and the will of God. **Instead of following inclination, he did God’s will,** however crucifying to his own nature.

“God leads His people on step by step. The Christian life is a battle and a march. In this warfare there is no release; the effort must be continuous and persevering. **It is by unceasing endeavor that we maintain the victory over the temptations of Satan.** Christian integrity must be sought with resistless energy and maintained with a resolute fixedness of purpose.

“No one will be borne upward without stern, persevering effort in his own behalf. **All must engage in this warfare for themselves.** Individually we are responsible for the issue of the struggle; though Noah, Job, and Daniel were in the land, they could deliver neither son nor daughter by their righteousness.”—8 *Testimonies*, 313-314.

“**Sanctification means habitual communion with God.**”—7 *Bible Commentary*, 908 (*Review*, March 15, 1906).

“Sanctification does not close the avenues of the soul to knowledge, but expands the mind and inspires it to search for truth as for hidden treasure.”—*Counsels to Teachers*, 449.

“**The Scriptures plainly show that the work of sanctification is progressive. When in conversion the sinner finds peace with God through the blood of the atonement, the Christian life has but just begun.** Now he is to ‘go on unto perfection;’ to grow up ‘unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.’ Says the apostle Paul: ‘This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, **I press toward the mark** for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.’ Philippians 3:13, 14.

“**And Peter sets before us the steps by which**

**Bible sanctification is to be attained:** ‘Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity . . . If ye do these things, ye shall never fall.’ 2 Peter 1:5-10.”—*Great Controversy*, 470.

“The germination of the seed represents the beginning of spiritual life, and the development of the plant is a beautiful figure of Christian growth. **As in nature, so in grace; there can be no life without growth. The plant must either grow or die.** As its growth is silent and imperceptible, but continuous, so is the development of the Christian life. **At every stage of development our life may be perfect; yet if God’s purpose for us is fulfilled, there will be continual advancement. Sanctification is the work of a lifetime.** As our opportunities multiply, our experience will enlarge, and our knowledge increase. We shall become strong to bear responsibility, and our maturity will be in proportion to our privileges.

“**The plant grows by receiving that which God has provided to sustain its life.** It sends down its roots into the earth. It drinks in the sunshine, the dew, and the rain. It receives the life-giving properties from the air. So the Christian is to grow by co-operating with the divine agencies. Feeling our helplessness, **we are to improve all the opportunities granted us to gain a fuller experience.**”—*Christ’s Object Lessons*, 65-67.

“Let us give careful heed to these warnings and reproofs. Though addressed to ancient Israel, they are no less applicable to the people of God today. **And we should consider the words of the apostle in which he appeals to his brethren, by the mercies of God, to present their bodies, ‘a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God.’ This is true sanctification.**

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“**However small your talent, God has a place for it. That one talent, wisely used, will accomplish its appointed work.** By faithfulness in little duties, we are to work on the plan of addition, and God will work for us on the plan of multiplication. These littles will become the most precious influences in His work . . . **This is true sanctification.**”—*Christ’s Object Lessons*,

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“**Those who have preserved their bodies and spirits in holiness, in sanctification, and honor, will then receive the finishing touch of immorality . . .** This is all to be done in these hours of probation.”—2 *Testimonies*, 355.

“**Sanctification is not the work of a moment, an hour, a day, but of a lifetime. It is not gained by a happy flight of feeling, but is the result of constantly dying to sin, and constantly living for Christ.** Wrongs cannot be righted nor reformations wrought in the

### SANCTIFIED SIN

“On one occasion I spoke in reference to **genuine sanctification, which is nothing less than a daily dying to self and daily conformity to the will of God.** While in Oregon I had been shown that some of the young churches of the New England Conference were in danger through the blighting influence of what is called ‘sanctification.’ Some would become deceived by this doctrine, while others, knowing its deceptive influence, would realize their danger and turn from it. **Paul’s sanctification was a constant conflict with self.** Said he, ‘I die daily.’ 1 Cor. 15:31. **His will and his desires every day conflicted with duty and the will of God. Instead of following inclination, he did the will of God,** however unpleasant and crucifying to his nature.”—*Life Sketches*, 237.

“**None of the apostles and prophets ever claimed to be without sin.** Men who have lived the nearest to God, men who would sacrifice life itself rather than knowingly commit a wrong act, men whom God has honored with divine light and power, have confessed the sinfulness of their nature. **They have put no confidence in the flesh, have claimed no righteousness of their own, but have trusted wholly in the righteousness of Christ.**

“**So will it be with all who behold Christ.** The nearer we come to Jesus, and the more clearly we discern the purity of His character, the more clearly shall we see the exceeding sinfulness of sin, and the less shall we feel like exalting ourselves. **There will be a continual reaching out of the soul after God,** a continual, earnest, heartbreaking confession of sin and humbling of the heart before Him. **At every advance step in our Christian experience our repentance will deepen. We shall know that our sufficiency is in Christ alone.**”—*Acts of the Apostles*, 561.

“**Bible sanctification does not consist in strong emotion. Here is where many are led into error. They make feelings their criterion. When they feel elated or happy, they claim that they are sanctified.** Happy feelings or the absence of joy is no evi-

dence that a person is or is not sanctified. **There is no such thing as instantaneous sanctification.** True sanctification is a daily work, continuing as long as life shall last. Those who are battling with daily temptations, overcoming their own sinful tendencies, and seeking for holiness of heart and life, make no boastful claims of holiness. **They are hungering and thirsting for righteousness. Sin appears to them exceedingly sinful.**

“There are those claiming sanctification who make a profession of the truth, like their brethren, and it may be difficult to make a distinction between them; but the difference exists, nevertheless. The testimony of those claiming such an exalted experience will cause the sweet Spirit of Christ to withdraw from a meeting, and will leave a chilling influence upon those present, while **if they were truly living without sin, their very presence would bring holy angels into the assembly,** and their words would indeed be ‘like apples of gold in pictures of silver’ (Prov. 25:11).”—*Sanctified Life*, 10-11.

“**Many who profess sanctification are entirely ignorant of the work of grace upon the heart.** When proved and tested, they are found to be like the self-righteous Pharisee. They will bear no contradiction. **They lay aside reason and judgment, and depend wholly upon their feelings, basing their claims to sanctification upon emotions which they have at some time experienced.** They are stubborn and perverse in urging their tenacious claims of holiness, giving many words, but bearing no precious fruit as proof.

“These professedly sanctified persons are not only deluding their own souls by their pretensions, but are exerting an influence to lead astray many who earnestly desire to conform to the will of God. **They may be heard to reiterate again and again, ‘God leads me! God teaches me! I am living without sin!’** Many who come in contact with this spirit encounter a dark, mysterious something which they cannot comprehend. But it is that which is altogether unlike Christ, the only true pattern.”—*Sanctified Life*, 9-10.

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**“Self-denial, self-sacrifice, benevolence, kindness, love, patience, fortitude, and Christian trust are the daily fruits borne by those who are truly connected with God.** Their acts may not be published to the world, but they themselves are daily wrestling with evil, and gaining precious victories over temptation and wrong. Solemn vows are renewed, and kept through the strength gained by earnest prayer and constant watching thereunto. The ardent enthusiast does not discern the struggles of these silent workers; but **the eye of Him who seeth the secrets of the heart, notices and regards with approval every effort put forth in lowliness and meekness.** It requires the testing time to reveal the pure gold of love and faith in the character. When trials and perplexities come upon the church, then the steadfast zeal and warm affections of Christ’s true followers are developed.”—*Sanctified Life*, 11-12.

**“As you make advances in the Christian life, you will be constantly growing up into the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.** In your experience, you will be proving what is the length and breadth, the depth and height, of the love of God, which passeth knowledge. You will feel your unworthiness. **You will have no disposition to claim perfection of character,** but only to exalt the perfection of your Redeemer. The more thorough and rich your experience in the knowledge of Jesus, the more humble will be your views of self . . .

**“To love God supremely, and your neighbor as yourself, is true sanctification.** Bible conversion will lead to constant and abiding activity, which will be free from all selfishness, all self-exaltation, and all boastful claims of holiness. **If you are truly converted to God, you will exert a strong and telling influence on the side of truth.** An intelligent knowledge of what it means to be a Christian will make you a blessing

wherever you go. Whether you have one, two, or five talents, all will be devoted to the service of Him who has committed them to you in trust . . .

**“God does not intend that your light shall so shine that your good words or works shall bring the praise of men to yourself;** but that the Author of all good shall be glorified and exalted. Jesus, in His life, gave to men a model of character. How little power did the world have over Him to mold Him according to its standard! All its influence was thrown off.

**“You cannot stand still; you must either advance or retrograde . . . Where there is spiritual health there is growth.** The child of God grows up to the full stature of a man or woman in Christ. There is no limit to his improvement.”—*Sons and Daughters of God*, 334.

**“The sanctification of the soul is accomplished through steadfastly beholding Him [Christ] by faith** as the only-begotten Son of God, full of grace and truth. The power of truth is to transform heart and character. Its effect is not like a dash of color here and there upon the canvas; the whole character is to be transformed, the image of Christ is to be revealed in words and actions. A new nature is imparted. **Man is renewed after the image of Christ in righteousness and true holiness . . . The grace of Christ is essential every day, every hour.** Unless it is with us continually, the inconsistencies of the natural heart will appear and the life will present a divided service. The character is to be full of grace and truth. **Wherever the religion of Christ works, it will brighten and sweeten every detail of life** with more than an earthly joy and a higher than earthly peace.”—*6 Bible Commentary*, 1117 (*Letter 2a*, 1892).

**“Erroneous theories of sanctification, also, springing from neglect or rejection of the divine law,** have a prominent place in the religious movements of the day. **These theories are both false in doctrine and dangerous in practical results;** and the fact that they are so generally finding favor, renders it doubly essential that all have a clear understanding of what the Scriptures teach upon this point.

**“True sanctification is a Bible doctrine.** The apostle Paul, in his letter to the Thessalonian church, declares: ‘This is the will of God, even your sanctification.’ And he prays: ‘The very God of peace sanctify you wholly.’ 1 Thessalonians 4:3; 5:23. The Bible clearly teaches what sanctification is and how it is to be attained. **The Saviour prayed for His disciples: ‘Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy Word is truth.’** John 17:17. And Paul teaches that believers are to be ‘sanctified by the Holy Ghost.’ Romans 15:16. What is the work of the Holy Spirit? Jesus told His disciples: ‘When He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth.’ John 16:13. And the psalmist says: ‘Thy law is the truth.’

**“By the Word and the Spirit of God are opened**

**to men the great principles of righteousness embodied in His law.** And since the law of God is 'holy, and just, and good,' a transcript of the divine perfection, it follows that a character formed by obedience to that law will be holy. **Christ is a perfect example of such a character.** He says: 'I have kept My Father's commandments.' 'I do always those things that please Him.' John 15:10; 8:29. **The followers of Christ are to become like Him—by the grace of God to form characters in harmony with the principles of His holy law. This is Bible sanctification.**

"This work can be accomplished only through faith in Christ, by the power of the indwelling Spirit of God. Paul admonishes believers: 'Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.' Philippians 2:12, 13. **The Christian will feel the promptings of sin, but he will maintain a constant warfare against it. Here is where Christ's help is needed. Human weakness becomes united to divine strength.** and faith exclaims: 'Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.' 1 Corinthians 15:57."—*Great Controversy*, 469-470.

"**Sanctification of heart and life is alone acceptable with God.** Said the angel, as he pointed to the ministers who are not right: 'Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double-minded.' **'Be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord.'** God calls for integrity of soul; for truth in the inward parts, transforming the entire man by the renewing of the mind through the influences of the divine Spirit."—*2 Testimonies*, 335.

"**The truth as it is in Jesus is obedience to every precept of Jehovah.** It is heart work. **Bible sanctification is not the spurious sanctification of today, which will not search the Scriptures, but trusts to good feelings and impulses** rather than to the seeking for truth as for hidden treasure. Bible sanctification is to know the requirements of God and to obey them. **There is a pure and holy heaven in store for those who keep God's commandments.** It is worth lifelong, persevering, untiring effort. Satan is on your right hand and on your left; he is before and behind; he has a dish of fables cooked up for every soul who is not cherishing the truth as it is in Jesus. The destroyer is upon you to palsy your every effort. But **there is a crown of life to be won, a life that measures with the life of God.**"—*5 Bible Commentary*, 1147 (*Manuscript 58*, 1897).

"**'Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy Word is truth.'** A pleasant, self-satisfied feeling is not an

**evidence of sanctification.** A faithful record is kept of all the acts of the children of men. Nothing can be concealed from the eye of the High and Holy One, who inhabiteth eternity. Some make Christ ashamed by their course of devising, planning, scheming. God does not approve of their conduct; for **the Lord Jesus is not honored by their spirit and their works.** They forget the words of the apostle: 'We are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.'"—*5 Bible Commentary*, 1146 (*MS 159*, 1903).

"**Those who experience the sanctification of the Bible will manifest a spirit of humility.** Like Moses, they have had a view of the awful majesty of holiness, and they see their own unworthiness in contrast with the purity and exalted perfection of the Infinite One."—*Great Controversy*, 470.

"**Far more than we do, we need to understand the issues at stake in the conflict in which we are engaged. We need to understand more fully the value of the truths that God has given for this time** and the danger of allowing our minds to be diverted from them by the great deceiver.

"**The infinite value of the sacrifice required for our redemption reveals the fact that sin is a tremendous evil.** Through sin the whole human organism is deranged, the mind is perverted, the imagination corrupted. Sin has degraded the faculties of the soul. Temptations from without find an answering chord within the heart, and the feet turn imperceptibly toward evil.

"**As the sacrifice in our behalf was complete, so our restoration from the defilement of sin is to be complete.** There is no act of wickedness that the law will excuse; there is no unrighteousness that will escape its condemnation. The life of Christ was a perfect fulfillment of every precept of the law. He said; 'I have kept My Father's commandments.' John 15:10. **His life is our standard of obedience and service.**

"God alone can renew the heart. 'It is God who worketh in you both to will and to work, for His good pleasure.' But we are bidden: 'Work out your own salvation.' Philippians 2:13, 12, A.R.V."—*8 Testimonies*, 312.

"Wrongs cannot be righted, nor can reformations in character be made, by a few feeble, intermittent efforts. **Sanctification is the work, not of a day, or of a year, but of a lifetime. The struggle for conquest over self, for holiness and heaven, is a lifelong struggle.** Without continual effort and constant activity there can be no advancement in the divine life, no attainment of the victor's crown."—*8 Testimonies*, 312-313.