

Sanctification in the Life of the Believer

Selected Scriptures

1. The Reality of False Faith
 - A. The Rich Young Ruler (Lk. 18:18ff)
 - B. The Many on Judgment Day (Mt. 7:21ff)
 - C. Some False Teachers (1 Jn. 2:19)
 - D. The Rocky and Weedy Soils (Mk. 4:3-8)
2. The Necessity of Bearing Fruit
 - A. A Good Tree is Known By Good Fruit (Mt. 7:15-20)
 - B. Good Soil Produces Fruit (Mk. 4:3-8)
 - C. Productive Vines are Pruned to be More Productive (Jn. 15:1-16)
3. The Statement of Ephesians 2 (Eph. 2:8-10)

There are present purposes in this world for which believers have been called.
4. The Necessity of Continuing in Faith (Jn. 6:66; 8:31-32; 1 Jn. 2:19; 2 Jn. 9)

One of the constant descriptions of believers is that they are those who do not fall away from the faith that they were called to (cf. Phil 1:6).
5. The Argument of First John
 - A. A Doctrinal Test (1 Jn. 1:5-10; 4:1-3, 14-16)
 - B. An Obedience Test (1 Jn. 2:3-6, 29)
 - C. A Love Test (1 Jn. 2:7-11; 3:14; 4:19-21)
6. The Argument of James 2 (James 2:14-26)

James makes it clear that a mental confession that is devoid of outward evidence is a dead faith that is not a saving faith.
7. The Call to Examine Yourself (2 Cor. 13:5)

It important for the Christian to be diligent in examining himself to ensure that his life of obedience and testimony of faith give evidence of his salvation.