

Statements 9-10

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9. SANCTIFICATION

Sanctification is an act of separation from that which is evil, and of dedication unto God.

Romans 12:1,2; *“Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.” NASU*

1 Thessalonians 5:23; *“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” NASU*

Hebrews 13:12; *“Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate.” NASU*

- The Scriptures teach a life of "holiness without which no man shall see the Lord."

Hebrews 12:14; *“Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.” NASU*

- By the power of the Holy Spirit we are able to obey the command: "Be ye holy, for I am holy."

1 Peter 1:15,16; “...but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; 16 because it is written, “YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.” **NASU**

- Sanctification is realized in the believer by recognizing his identification with Christ in His death and resurrection, and by the faith reckoning daily upon the fact of that union, and by offering every faculty continually to the dominion of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 6:1-11; “What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?

2 May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection,

6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;

7 for he who has died is freed from sin.

8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him.

10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

11 Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.” NASU

Romans 6:13; *“...and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.” NASU*

Romans 8:1,2; *“Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.” NASU*

Romans 8:13; *“...for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.” NASU*

Galatians 2:20; *“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.” NASU*

Philippians 2:12,13; *“So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.” NASU*

1 Peter 1:5; *“...who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” NASU*

10. THE CHURCH AND ITS MISSION

The **Church** is the Body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her great commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the Fellowship (General Assembly) and Church of the Firstborn, which are written in heaven.

Ephesians 1:22,23; *“And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”* **NASU**

Ephesians 2:22; *“...in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.”* **NASU**

Since God’s purpose concerning man is to seek and to save that which is lost, to be worshipped by man, to build a body of believers in the image of His Son, and to demonstrate His love and compassion for all the world, the priority reason for being of the Assemblies of God as part of the Church is:

- To be an agency of God for evangelizing the world.

Acts 1:8; *“...but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”* **NASU**

Matthew 28:19,20; *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”* **NASU**

Mark 16:15,16; *“And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. 16 “He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.” NASU*

- To be a corporate body in which man may worship God.

1 Corinthians 12:13; *“For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.” NASU*

- To be a channel of God’s purpose to build a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son.

Ephesians 4:11-16; *“And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;*

13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ,

16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.”

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1 Corinthians 12:28; *“And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues.”* **NASU**

1 Corinthians 14:12; *“So also you, since you are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek to abound for the edification of the church.”* **NASU**

- To be a people who demonstrate God’s love and compassion for all the world.

Psalms 112:9; *“He has given freely to the poor His righteousness endures forever; His horn will be exalted in honor.”* **NASU**

Galatians 2:10; 6:10; *“They only asked us to remember the poor — the very thing I also was eager to do. Gal 6:10 “So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith. NASU*

James 1:27; *“Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.”* **NASU**

Church of the Living Christ exists expressly to give continuing emphasis to this reason for being in the New Testament apostolic pattern by teaching and encouraging believers to be baptized in the Holy Spirit.

This experience:

- Enables them to evangelize in the power of the Spirit with accompanying supernatural signs.

Mark 16:15-20

Acts 4:29-31; *"And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence,*

30 while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus."

31 And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness." **NASU**

Hebrews 2:3,4; *"...how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard,*

4 God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will." **NASU**

- Adds a necessary dimension to worshipful relationship with God.

1 Corinthians 2:10-16; *For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.*

11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God,

13 which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.

14 But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.

15 But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one.

16 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ.” NASU

1 Corinthians 12 (gifts)

1 Corinthians 13 (love)

1 Corinthians 14 (how gifts work)

- Enables them to respond to the full working of the Holy Spirit in expression of fruit and gifts and ministries as in New Testament times for the edifying of the body of Christ and care for the poor and needy of the world.

Galatians 5:22-26; *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,*

23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

26 Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.” NASU

Matthew 25:37-40; *"Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink?"*

38 'And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You?"

39 'When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'

40 "The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'" **NASU**

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Colossians 1:29; *“For this purpose, also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.” NASU*