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# HOLINESS PODCAST

## Podcast #7 – Sanctifying Grace Conquers Sin

### SUMMARY:

The nature of God's grace is usually presented and understood in terms of our salvation – and rightly so. However, once a Christian has been redeemed, justified, adopted into God's family (ie. saved), **the nature of God's grace at work in their life changes!** This lesson completes the two-part study on grace, sin and holiness. The distinction between **saving grace** and **sanctifying grace** is explained. The power of sanctifying grace in relation to sin is center stage in this lesson!

### KEY STATEMENTS:

“First, **saving grace** provides for our salvation by restoring our relationship to God. It brings forgiveness of sin and **removes the guilt of sin.** Secondly, **sanctifying grace** refers to the grace of God which is constantly active in a believer's life after he/she is saved. The Holy Spirit within the believer is the source of this grace which **breaks the power of sin in the believer's life.**”

“Stan Key writes that another 'metaphor of sin is that of a **dark stain.** Sinners are impure, dirty, unclean, polluted. The defilement is so deep that no earthly soap can wash it away.' We've all experienced that feeling as we've come to God with impurity in our hands and heart. What joy it brings to know that God's grace in our lives washes and cleanses

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us inside and out!”

“One of the most common pictures of sin in the Bible is being **lost**.....God's heart of love reaches out to **restore** us when we find ourselves strayed from the path of serving Him. That amazing love prompts Him to act when a Christian woman wanders away or a Christian man gets hopelessly lost in the wrong places....God's Holy Spirit can lead you back home and you can experience sanctifying grace as **restoring grace.**”

## **FOR FURTHER STUDY:**

**A) REFLECT** on these scriptures and the theme of this lesson that “**Sanctifying grace conquers sin in the believer's life**”:

1) **Galatians 2:20** - “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live but Christ lives in me” (NIV)

The lesson suggested that God's grace is administered by the Holy Spirit and protects, sustains, restores, cleanses and grows the Christian into maturity? Are these some of the ways that Paul's words in Galatians 2:20 are lived out in a believer's life?

2) **Hebrews 5:12b-14** - “...You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk, still being an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching on righteousness. But solid food is for the **mature**, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.”

In light of the Hebrews writer's words above, can you relate to Dr. Jonathan Raymond's description of what happens too often in the lives of Christians today which were quoted at the beginning and end of the lesson?

“As we are cleansed from sin, God's grace makes possible our new life in Christ. We are saved by the justifying grace of God...Sadly too often the journey comes to a halt. ...there is no further progression. We remain immature and underdeveloped as we wait for God's glory bus to heaven. Carnality reigns as we become victims of old habits. We surrender to temptation and regress to sin. Thankfully, there is more to the journey. There is power over sin and growth in grace through deepening acquaintance with God.” (**The Salvation Army War Cry**, January 2016)

**B) DISCUSS:** This two-part series has focused on the importance of a Christian

having a consuming awareness of the existential threat of sin to their spiritual life.

- 1) The instructor sees that awareness of sin as a blaring alarm to the Christian – comparing it to the smoke alarm, the RR crossing gate or the danger sign on the Grand Canyon rim. Do you agree that **sin** is worthy of such attention?
  - 2) If a Christian doesn't actively resist sin, the instructor suggests that his/her defenses will collapse, their vulnerability to spiritual attack will skyrocket and the desire for holiness and Spirit-led living will disappear. Do you agree?
- C) **PRAY** that Christians will seek power through the Holy Spirit to resist sin. that God's Spirit will protect and sustain believers as they live for Him. that those who have wandered from their commitment to follow Christ will listen to the Holy Spirit within them and be restored by His grace.