

Christians, SANCTIFY YOURSELVES!

Sanctify [TO MAKE CLEAN] YOURSELVES...and be ye HOLY [SACRED; BELONGING TO GOD]: for I am the Lord your God. And ye shall KEEP MY STATUES [TO ATTEND TO], and DO them: I am the Lord which SANCTIFY YOU" (LEVITICUS 20:7).

God brought *the children of Israel* out of the bondage of Egypt, setting them **APART FOR HIMSELF!** He gave them His laws with the command to "**SANCTIFY YOURSELVES,**" or, **MAKE YOURSELVES CLEAN!**

Soon, God will be sending His Son to deliver us from "...**the HOUR OF TEMPTATION**" (REV. 3:10), just as He **PROMISED!** We want to **PREPARE OURSELVES** to "...**BE YE...READY**" (MATT. 24:44)! **Will you be READY? Have you been MADE CLEAN** through the *shed blood of Jesus Christ?*

God commanded the children of Israel to "**DEPART FROM EVIL, and DO GOOD; SEEK [TO STRIVE AFTER] PEACE, and PURSUE [TO RUN AFTER] IT**" (PSALM 34:14). But *they failed.* So God sent His Son into the world in the likeness of sinful flesh, to DO what man COULD NOT do!

Today, God commands **US** to "**Love your ENEMIES, bless them that CURSE YOU, do good to them that HATE YOU, and pray for them which DESPITEFULLY USE YOU, and PERSECUTE YOU**" (MATT. 5:44). Still, *Christians fail miserably* in obeying this.

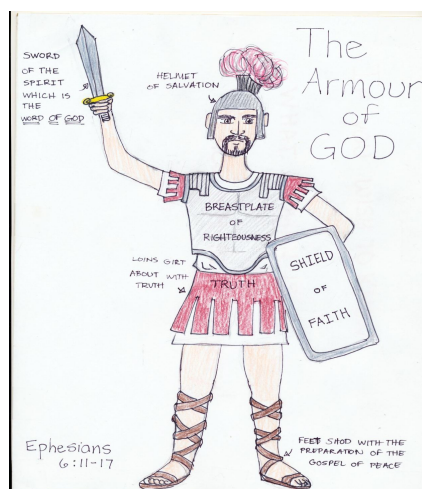
That's why Jesus prayed to his Father in Heaven: "**While I was WITH THEM in the world, I KEPT THEM [TO GUARD FROM LOSS OR INJURY BY KEEPING THE EYE UPON] in Thy name: THOSE that Thou GAVEST ME I have KEPT [TO WATCH; TO BE ON GUARD; TO PRESERVE], and NONE OF THEM IS LOST, but the SON OF PERDITION; that the scripture might be fulfilled...**

"**I PRAY...that Thou shouldest KEEP THEM [TO GUARD FROM LOSS OR INJURY BY KEEPING THE EYE UPON] from the evil...SANCTIFY THEM THROUGH THY TRUTH: THY WORD IS TRUTH**" (JOHN 17:12 & 15).

When the Lord comes as a **THIEF IN THE NIGHT** for **HIS** church, will he "...**FIND YOU**

SLEEPING" (MARK 13:36)? Or, will you be a "...**FAITHFUL AND WISE STEWARD...whom his Lord when he COMETH shall FIND SO DOING**" (LUKE 12:42-43)?

We must **EXAMINE OURSELVES** in "...**the PERFECT LAW OF LIBERTY [THE WORD OF GOD], and CONTINUETH therein, he being NOT A FORGETFUL HEARER, but a DOER OF THE WORK...**" (JAMES 1:25).



It is our duty, *as a faithful servant,* to be a **SHINING LIGHT** in this world. We **MUST** "**PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD [NOT JUST PART OF IT], that [WE] may be able to STAND AGAINST the WILES [THE TRICKERY] of the devil**" (EPHES. 6:11).

We are "...IN CHRIST," we are "...a NEW CREATURE: old things ARE passed away; behold, ALL THINGS are become NEW" (2 COR. 5:17). **We are "...SANCTIFIED IN CHRIST JESUS, called to be SAINTS**" (1 COR. 1:2).

We MUST SET OURSELVES APART from this world! "**NO MAN that warreth ENTANGLETH HIMSELF with the affairs of THIS LIFE; that he may PLEASE HIM who hath CHOSEN HIM to be a soldier**" (2 TIM. 2:4).

We MUST..."*Flee fornication...KNOW YE NOT that YOUR BODY is the temple of the HOLY GHOST which is IN YOU, which YE HAVE of God, and YE ARE NOT YOUR OWN?*

"**For YE ARE BOUGHT with a price: therefore GLORIFY GOD IN YOUR BODY, and in your**

spirit, which [BOTH] are God's" (1 COR. 6:18-20).

We are "...the CALLED according to HIS PURPOSE" (ROMANS 8:28), and not **OUR OWN!** **We should continuously pray,** "*Create in me a CLEAN HEART [WHERE OUR FEELINGS, OUR WILL, OUR INTELLECT IS], O God; and RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT within me*" (PSALM 51:10).

Jesus Christ, the *Bridegroom,* is coming out of his chamber, and **ALL THE VIRGINS [PROFESSING CHRISTIANS]** are awake, and **TRIMMING THEIR LAMPS** (MATT. 25:6-10).

"**Ye are the LIGHT OF THE WORLD**" (MATT. 5:14), but "...**IF...the LIGHT that is IN THEE be DARKNESS, HOW GREAT IS THAT DARKNESS**" (MATT. 6:23). **Do YOU HAVE OIL [THE HOLY GHOST] IN YOUR LAMP?**

In the world, there are **MANY VERSIONS of Christianity!** **MANY** are "**RUNNING A RACE!**" But, "**KNOW YE NOT that THEY which run in a race RUN ALL, but ONE RECEIVETH THE PRIZE**" (1 COR. 9:24)? **EXAMINE** your *Christianity,* and see if it conforms to the Word of God!

KNOWING that "...**STRAIT is the gate, and NARROW is the way, which leadeth unto life, and FEW THERE BE that find it**" (MATT. 7:14), and **KNOWING** that we should "**STRIVE TO ENTER IN at the strait gate: for MANY...will SEEK TO ENTER IN, and shall not be able**" (LUKE 13:24).....

WHAT should we be doing? We should **SANCTIFY OURSELVES,** that is, "**EXAMINE [OURSELVES], whether [WE] BE IN THE FAITH; PROVE YOUR OWN SELVES**" (2 COR. 13:5); "**ABSTAIN from ALL APPEARANCE of evil**" (1 THES. 5:22);

"...**MAKE NOT PROVISION for the flesh, to fulfil the LUSTS THEREOF**" (ROMANS 13:14); and "...**GIVE DILIGENCE to make YOUR CALLING and ELECTION SURE**" (2 PETER 1:10).

If we **PROVE OURSELVES** spiritually, our Lord will say, "**WELL DONE, thou GOOD and FAITHFUL SERVANT; thou hast been FAITHFUL over a FEW things, I will MAKE THEE RULER over MANY THINGS: ENTER THOU into the JOY of thy Lord**" (MATT. 25:21 & 23).