

Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you" (Romans 8:11).

Although, sin may have brought a death upon our mortal bodies, the Holy Spirit can even bring life today to a Believer's body.

II. Believers are to profess that they are sanctified wholly: spirit, soul, and body.

A. "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses" (I Timothy 6:12).

We should see that the profession of our faith is associated with a good fight. A good fight is one that we win!

B. "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus" (Hebrews 3:1).

Jesus definitively declared who he was and we are to declare who we are in him.

C. "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death" (Revelation 12:11).

We overcome the enemy, in part, by our profession of being sanctified.

III. Believers therefore should live a holy life (a life set apart unto God).

A. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:1-2).

We are to present our bodies as being set apart unto God and we are also to sanctify our minds.

B. "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy" (I Peter 1:15-16).

Our way of living is to be sanctified (set apart) unto the Lord.

C. "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" (I Corinthians 9:27).

Paul realized that if he didn't live a sanctified life in the flesh, he could lose his ministry.

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Are You Completely Sanctified?

The word "sanctified" means to be made set apart. If you have given your life to Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, then God set you apart from Satan's kingdom of darkness and has translated you into the kingdom of His Son, Jesus Christ. "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son" (Colossians 1:13).

Furthermore, you are also set apart for service in the kingdom of God. "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear" (Hebrews 12:28).

Paul declared over the people of Thessalonica, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be

preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Thessalonians 5:23).

The word "wholly" means completely. Note that "*I pray God*" is not in the original text nor should it be added. There are three areas listed: the spirit, the soul (mind, will, and emotions), and the body.

I. God has set Believers apart completely: spirit, soul, and body.

A. Believers are set apart in the spirit.

1. "Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called *"to be"* saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours" (I Corinthians 1:2).

Note that *"to be"* was added and not in the original text. Believers are saints! However, they are to also act like they are saints.

2. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (II Corinthians 5:17).

This speaks specifically of the spirit-man of the Believers. Believers are made to be a new creation in the inner man (the spirit-man). Everything is NEW.

3. "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the

world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love" (Ephesians 1:4).

The word "holy" also means to be "set apart".

B. Believers are set apart in the soul (mind, will, and emotions).

1. "For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ" (I Corinthians 2:16).

Believers have been given a new mind in Christ, but they have to appropriate it through the Word, faith, and practice.

2. "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure" (Philippians 2:13).

Believers have the power of God working in them to will and do of His good pleasure.

3. "And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him" (I John 4:16).

Believers are sanctified in their emotions (compassions).

C. Believers are set apart in their bodies (physically).

1. "What? 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 are God's" (I Corinthians 6:19-20).

A Believer's body is the very house of the Holy Spirit. It has been purchased by the blood of Christ.

2. "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (I Peter 1:18-19).

A Believer's body has been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ as well as his soul and spirit.

3. "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (I Peter 2:24).

A Believer may receive physical healing in his body because it has been sanctified through the death of the Lord Jesus Christ.

4. "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up