

# While You Were Out

Rhema Christian Center  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Pastor James E. White  
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## “Consecration and Dedication”

- I. We do not want to be forever learning, but never coming into the knowledge of the truth. (II Timothy 3:7)
  - A. Forever learning (acquisition of knowledge, gaining information - data), but never coming into the knowledge of the truth (moving to the point of impartation – understanding, becomes practical).
    1. The Word cannot become practical until you understand it.
    2. Information once you understand it, it makes an impartation and causes your eyes to become open which should cause you to respond.
    3. For a Christian to come into the knowledge of the truth and have a good understanding of that truth and yet not apply that truth practically (refuse to do) is a contradiction.
      - a. What is truth? Jesus said I am the way, the truth and the life. (John 14:6)
      - b. It is not that we do not understand data, but that we do not understand the Christ. If we understand the Christ and love Him, we obey Him. If we love Him, we will keep His commandments (John 14:15).
      - c. In the New Testament, the Word takes on personality (-the Word became flesh) (John 1:14). The Word became living and dwelt among us. When understand Christ, the Living Word, it inspires us to do what is right.
      - d. We will be judged by the Word of God that is given to us.
      - e. We will also be judged by the Word of God that we should know (where there is opportunity to know), but because of laziness we chose not to know.
  - B. **Consecration** – to be set aside, separated, purified = *SANCTIFIED*
  - C. **Dedication** - committed, determined, follow through, devoted = **how we hold fast to the covenant we make**
- II. Leviticus 11:44
  - A. Sanctify (separate, set aside, purify) yourself because I am the Lord your God.
    1. The moment you become saved, you become a child of God
    2. Now, you must take on the personality, likeness of your Father
    3. Must sanctify yourself because the I AM is your God.
    4. Because the I AM is holy, you shall be holy (– we are made in His image and His likeness, we bare the image of Christ in the earth realm).
    5. We will not defile ourselves because we are trying to purify ourselves.
  - B. God is always thinking in terms of separation and setting aside.

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1. God loves us just the way we are, **but** He loved us so much that He did not want us to stay in our defiled state. He wanted us to be delivered from the penalty of sin (the wrath of God).
2. Illustration – when the children of Israel entered Canaan. When they first went in they start separating and setting aside, but did not finish. They were supposed to completely annihilate, clean it all up and possess the land. Instead, they destroyed the King, killed a little bit and made deals with the rest of it. Eventually, it came back to kill them.
3. God says complete annihilation, complete separation, and complete setting apart. Anytime you do not get rid of all of your flesh (more than the obvious, exterior, surface) and make deals with the other parts, it will come back to haunt you.

### III. I Peter 1:14-16

- A. Verse 14: Ignorance – when it was just information (do not have an understanding, it has not become impartation)
  1. You cannot get away with saying, “I do not know.”
  2. Take earnest heed to the things you have heard (you are being held accountable for the things being said), lest at any time you allow these things to slip (Hebrews 2:1).
- B. You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you. (Election – John 15:16) We do not see what God saw and sees in us, that is why we pray, “Lord, help me to see myself as You see me so that I will be what the Word of God says I am.”
  1. All of God does what all of God does and none of God is in conflict with any of God. Even His grace is not in conflict with His justice, because without His justice there would be no grace. His justice is based upon His grace.
- C. Verse 15: Be ye holy in all manner of conversation. (conversation – your lifestyle)
- D. Consecration and dedication: now that we have been delivered from the penalty of sin, progressively we are being delivered from the power of sin and must practice being delivered from the presence of sin inwardly before we are taken out of here to really be delivered from the presence of sin in the rapture.

### IV. Justification

- A. Justification is the bridge from being delivered that brings us over into consecration.
  1. Justification – to be treated just as if you are not guilty

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2. Before we could be delivered from the penalty of sin, Christ had to satisfy God, the One who established the penalty for sin.
3. It pleased the Father to bruise Christ. (Isaiah 53:10 - pleased – satisfied the justice of God, the holiness of God)
- B. God hates sin. The same God who gives you a love for holiness, righteousness, separation also give you a hatred for evil, worldliness. (Genesis 3:15)I will put enmity (friction, agitation)...
  1. If you do not stay in the presence of God, that enmity that is against evil will die and become dormant. When you stay in prayer and stay in the Word, it stirs up that enmity.
  2. No matter how much you have crucified Christ afresh, the moment you turn to Him, He is standing with His arms open, He has forgotten about it and thrown in the sea of forgetfulness just as if it has never happened (justified).
- C. Justification is being made right with God.
  1. Works can never justify you.
  2. To ask for forgiveness tears down, kills “the old you” God is trying to destroy. When you refuse to ask for forgiveness, “the old you” God is trying to kill only gets emboldened, stronger and bigger.
  3. The moment you ask for forgiveness, you rob the devil of his power (take the power and strength out of the devil’s tactics).
- V. **Sanctification**
  - A. A synonym for consecration is sanctification.
    1. Sanctification – to set aside, separate and purify.
  - B. II Thessalonians 3:6 (Jesus refers to His humanity, Christ refers to His suffering, Lord refers to His superior role over us.)
  - C. I Corinthians 1:2
  - D. Come out from among them and be ye separated (II Corinthians 6:17)
  - E. Touch not, handle not the unclean thing (Colossians 2:21)
  - F. We are 3 part saved, sanctified: 1) We are saved in Him, 2) progressively we are being saved and 3) the one that endures to the end shall be saved (Matthew 24:13).
    1. The setting aside in the Old Testament had to be done practically because they did not have the Holy Spirit in them to show them what to set aside.
    2. Real consecration, separation takes place once you have been delivered from the penalty of sin, (you are no longer under the wrath of God but under the

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grace of God), now the Holy Spirit comes into you and you are baptized into the body of Christ **AND** there is a consecration and setting aside in Him that you have to walk out practically in your dedication (being committed, determined, devoted and following through).

3. Paul stated, I am apprehended (somebody arrested me, separated me and set me aside), that I may comprehend of that which I have been apprehended of (Philippians 3:12). I need to understand the information so that impartation takes place.