

Five Sermons on Romans 5:
Sanctification
(Romans 5:3-5)

Romans 5:1-11

5 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

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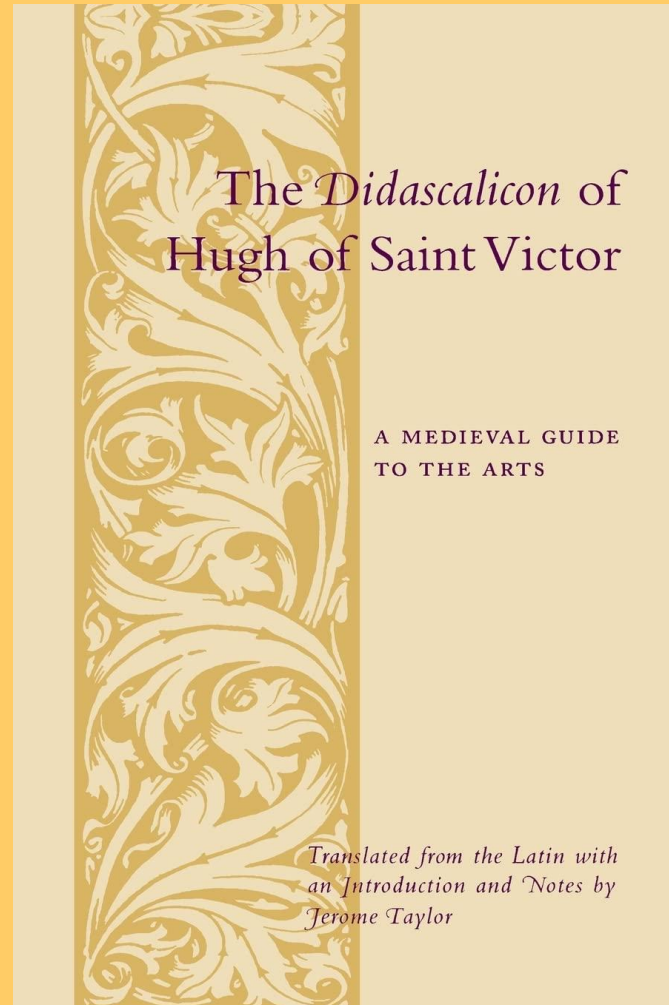
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⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

- ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.


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- *The Didascalicon of Hugh of St. Victor* (1125 A.D.)
translated by Jerome Taylor from the Latin (1951-1961)
- **The goal: moving closer to God through learning**
- “The *Didascalicon* set forth a program . . . Of restoring that union with the divine Wisdom for which man was made” (Taylor 4).
- “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God” (Romans 12:2 ESV)



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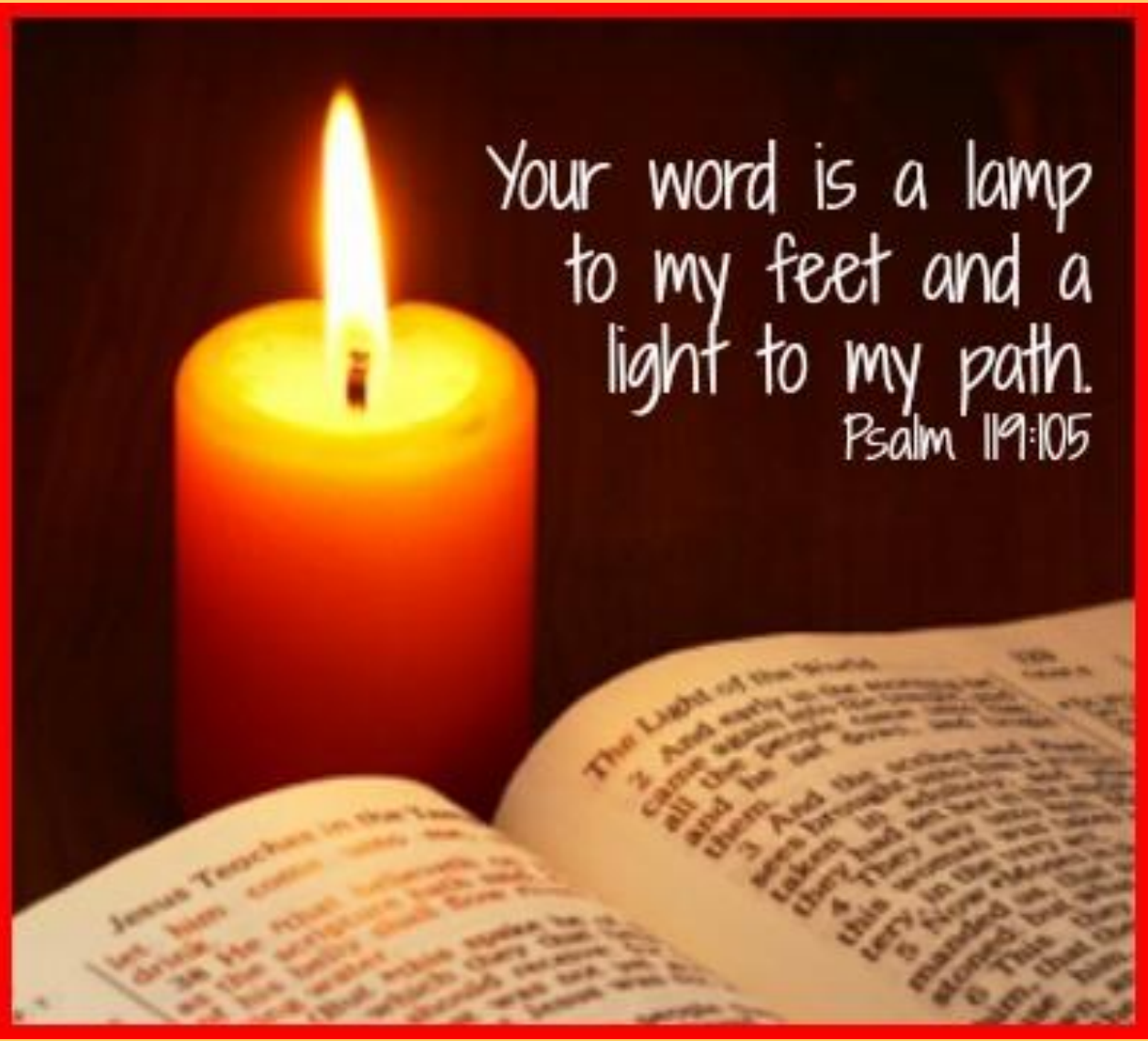
ROMANS 12:2

Moving Closer to God Through the Study of Scripture

- **Seek the Lord through Scripture:**
- “So it is with the minds of holy men: the more they advance in virtues or in knowledge, **the more they see that the hidden places of the Scriptures are profound**, so that those places which to simple minds and minds still tied to earth seem worthless, to minds which have been raised aloft seem sublime” (*Didascalicon* 143).

BUT WE PREACH CHRIST
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- 1 CORINTHIANS 1:23

A lit candle with a bright flame sits next to an open Bible. The candle is lit, and its light is visible. The Bible is open, showing text on both pages. The entire scene is framed by a red border.

Your word is a lamp
to my feet and a
light to my path.
Psalm 119:105

Five Sermons on Romans 5

- Sermon #1: **Justification** (Romans 5:1-2)
- Sermon #2: **Sanctification** (Romans 5:3-5)
- Sermon #3: **Substitution** (Romans 5:6-8)
- Sermon #4: **Propitiation** (Romans 5:9-10)
- Sermon #5: **Reconciliation** (Romans 5:11)

Sanctification During All Seasons of Life



**HOW ARE
YOU DOING?**

I. Definition of “Sanctification”

- **Sanctification:** “**To make holy** . . . Any person, place, occasion, or object ‘**set apart**’ from common, secular use as devoted to some divine power” (R.E. O. White, *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*)
- “You shall be holy to me, for I the LORD am holy and have **separated you** from the peoples, that you should be mine” (Leviticus 20:26)
- “Do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also **be holy in all your conduct**, ¹⁶ since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy” (1 Peter 1:14-16)

I. Definition of “Sanctification”

- **Growth:** “To strive for holiness, or sanctity. This is the most common understanding of sanctification, **the growth in holiness that should follow conversion**” (R.E. O. White, *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*).
- One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple. (Psalm 27:4 ESV)

I. Definition of “Sanctification”

- **A life-long process:** “In justification, God at the beginning of Christian life declares us acquitted. In sanctification, god accomplishes his will in us as Christian life proceeds”
- **An up-and-down process:** “The Christian continues to be tempted, continues sometimes to fall, growing more sensitive to sin as he lives nearer to God. But he will continue to repent, and to seek forgiveness, never acquiescing, never making excuses, never surrendering, but ever desiring to be further changed into Christ’s image, stage by stage, as by the Lord, the Spirit” (R.E. O. White, *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*).

II. Don't Lose Hope; Gain it Instead

Sufferings→ Endurance→ Character→ Hope

- ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our **sufferings**, knowing that suffering produces **endurance**, ⁴ and endurance produces **character**, and character produces **hope**, (Romans 5:3-4)
- Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. (James 1:2-4).

II. Don't Lose Hope; Gain it Instead

- **Jesus as our example of joy through suffering:**
- Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and **let us run with endurance the race that is set before us**, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who **for the joy** that was set before him endured **the cross**, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2).

II. Don't Lose Hope; Gain it Instead

- **Signs of Spiritual Growth: Fruits of the Spirit**
- “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control” (Galatians 3:22-23)

III. Hope in the Lord is Well Placed

- “Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces **hope**, ⁵ and **hope** does not put us to shame, **because God's love has been poured into our hearts** through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us” (Romans 5:3-5).
- **A. The Presence of God's Love**
- “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16)
- “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose” (Romans 8:28).

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- **B. The Inpouring of the Holy Spirit: At Salvation (Regeneration)**
- “But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God” (1 Corinthians 6:11)
- “In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit” (Ephesians 1:13 ESV).

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- **B. The Inpouring of the Holy Spirit: During Sanctification**
- “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper [or *advocate* or *counselor*] to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.” (John 14:15-17 ESV)

IV. Many Methods of Sanctification

- **Church-centric:**

Worship

Service

Prayer

Fellowship

Study

Tithing

- **“Spiritual disciplines”:**

Solitude & Silence

Meditation on Scripture

Journaling

Fasting

Simplicity

Stewardship

Witnessing

(Slowing down)

Conclusion/Takeaway

- **Effective sanctification requires “being all in” for the Lord Jesus Christ:**
- John the Baptist: “Therefore, this joy of mine is now complete. ³⁰ He must increase, but I must decrease.” (John 3:29-30)
- Peter, James, and John: “And Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.’ ¹¹ And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him” (Luke 5:10-11).



Let Us Pray

A pair of hands is shown in silhouette, raised and joined at the palms to form a cross shape. The hands are positioned against a bright, glowing sunset or sunrise sky, with the sun's light shining through the center of the cross formed by the hands. The background features a horizon line over water, with the sun's reflection visible. The overall mood is spiritual and contemplative.