

## **DIRECTION 8**

### **(GOSPEL-DRIVEN PURSUIT OF HOLINESS)**

**SUMMARY:** MAKE SURE THAT YOU SEEK HOLINESS OF HEART AND LIFE IN ITS PROPER TIME. YOU CAN ONLY LIVE A HOLY LIFE AFTER YOU HAVE COME INTO UNION WITH CHRIST, HAVE BEEN JUSTIFIED, AND HAVE RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT. ONCE YOU HAVE RECEIVED THESE BLESSINGS, SEEK HOLINESS BY FAITH WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT. IT IS A CRUCIAL PART OF YOUR SALVATION. P. 111

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

**THE HOLINESS AIMED AT IN THIS BOOK:** "WHAT DO I MEAN BY HOLINESS? *BY HOLINESS I MEAN THAT YOUR WHOLE LIFE IS CONFORMED TO ALL OF GOD'S MORAL LAW, (TO WHICH YOU ARE NATURALLY OBLIGATED).* INDEED, EVEN IF THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION THROUGH CHRIST NEVER EXISTED, YOU WOULD STILL BE OBLIGATED TO OBEY GOD'S LAW." P. 111

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OTHERS FOR HIS SAKE, AND TO GIVE UP YOURSELVES TO THE OBEDIENCE OF ALL HIS COMMANDS OUT OF HEARTY LOVE TO HIM." (NOTE: TAKEN FROM P. 57 IN ORIGINAL; P. 112 IN UPDATED)

2. YOU ALSO HAVE THE HELP OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD WHO GIVES YOU THE DESIRE TO OBEY, AND WHO ENABLES YOU TO OBEY- IN THE FACE OF YOUR OWN SINFULNESS AND THE TEMPTATIONS OF SATAN. P. 112

"YOU WILL ALSO ENJOY THE HELP OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD, TO INCLINE YOU POWERFULLY TO OBEDIENCE, AND TO STRENGTHEN YOU FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF IT AGAINST ALL YOUR CORRUPTIONS, AND THE TEMPTATIONS OF SATAN; SO THAT YOU WILL HAVE BOTH WIND AND TIDE TO FORWARD YOUR VOYAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF HOLINESS." (NOTE: TAKEN FROM PP. 57-58 IN ORIGINAL; P. 112 IN UPDATED)

II. YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THAT HOLINESS IS AN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY PART OF THE SALVATION THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST. PP. 112-115

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YOU CANNOT DIVIDE SALVATION. YOU CANNOT HAVE THE FORGIVENESS OF CHRIST WITHOUT THE HOLINESS OF CHRIST! P. 116

TRUE GOSPEL FAITH MAKES YOU COME TO CHRIST WITH A GREAT THIRST, THAT YOU MIGHT "DRINK OF LIVING WATER"- BY WHICH CHRIST MEANS HIS SANCTIFYING SPIRIT (JOHN 7:37-38). TRUE GOSPEL FAITH MAKES YOU CRY OUT EARNESTLY FOR GOD TO SAVE YOU- NOT ONLY FROM HELL BUT FROM SIN AS WELL. "CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, OH GOD, AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME" (PSALM 51:10). WHEN YOU SEEK SALVATION BY FAITH IN CHRIST, HOLINESS IS A MAJOR PART OF THE SALVATION THAT

CHRIST FREELY GIVES YOU. YOU CANNOT DIVIDE SALVATION. YOU CANNOT HAVE THE FORGIVENESS OF CHRIST WITHOUT THE HOLINESS OF CHRIST!" P. 116

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