
The Doctrine of Christian Living

1. How are the following related:

God's Grace, Salvation & the Christian life?

- **Election: God chose to save us**
(Ti 1:1; Eph 1:4; 1Th 1:4; 2Th 2:13)

- **Proclamation: God sent (messengers)– we heard (the gospel)**
also God called us to Himself (Ti 1:3; Col 1:5; 2Th 2:14; Ro 10:17)

- **Conversion: God saved - we believed**
Regeneration (Ti 3:5; Jn 3:1ff); Faith (Eph 2:8); Justification (Ti 3:7; Gal 2:16); Adoption (Ti 3:7; Eph 1:4); New Creation (2Co 5:17)

- **Sanctification: God sanctifies (sets apart/makes holy) - we obey**
(Jn 17:17; 8:31ff; Mt 7:24ff; Eph 5:26; 1Th 5:23)
Eternal Security: God keeps - we persevere
(Eph 1:14; Jn 10:28; Php 1:6; 1Pe 1:5)

- **Glorification: God will save us**
(God will dwell with us; we will be His people)

2. In light of God's Grace & Our Sanctification: How shall "we" live?

- **by Repenting of sin: v12**
as God's kindness leads us to repentance (Ro 2:4)

- **like Jesus did: v12**
a holy life thru the Spirit's power (2Pe 1:3)

- **by Looking for Christ's return: v13**
as we are guarded by God's power thru faith (1Pe 1:5; Eph 6:10ff)

- **as God's people: v14**
Redeemed by Christ & zealous for good works
Love God supremely; others sacrificially (Mk 12:29ff; Jn 13 & 15)
Serve the poor & oppressed (Isa 58:6ff)

- **according to the Great Commission: v15** Build up the body of Christ in His authority & with His reassuring presence (Mt 28:16ff)

3. A Summary Statement (EFCA Statement of Faith #8): The Doctrine of Christian Living

We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially, and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.