

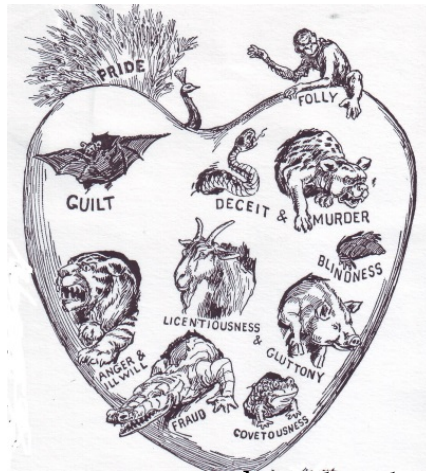
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Conquering Truths Unregenerate Heart vs. Sanctified Christian Lesson 3

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Unregenerate Heart



See here, the heart of sinful man it swarms with unclean beasts, the vices various forms;
The flaunting Peacock, well his pride portrays, Folly by the Ape's unmeaning ways
Deceit, the Serpent's wily arts disclose, Murder's form, the foul Hyena shows. Ill-will and
anger in the Tiger live, fierce Revenge, that knows not to forgive; Fraud aptly shows the
weeping Crocodile, Which draws its victim by its piteous willet The servile Toad, the
type of Covetousness, The Goat, the emblem of Recklessness; show, The groveling Swine,
the gluttonous man must Who sinks his nature, meanest brute below; Blindness of mind,
the darkness of the soul, We find depicted in the groping Mole;
All these, the emblems of the soul are seen, A cage of beasts and reptiles, base, unclean.

Related verses

Genesis 6:5; Psalm 14:1; Job 15:16; Ephesians 2:3; Job 21:14; Jeremiah 17:9;
1 John 5:19; Psalm 68:3; Romans 1:29-32; Matthew 15:19; Revelation 18:2.

The picture is a representation of the heart of man in the sight of God while in his unregenerate state. It is filled with living and hateful creatures, that make it their abode, represented as breaking out from its surface on every side. From the number, variety, and character of the beasts, reptiles, etc., exhibited, it may be said to be like fallen Babylon, the habitation of devils, the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. (Revelation 18:2)

The heart of all mankind, is desperately wicked, that is deceitful above all things (Jeremiah 17:9)

In the picture Pride and Folly are represented by the Peacock and Ape, seen as rising from the unregenerate heart. Thus was it first in heaven itself, by Lucifer, son of the morning, stating he would be like the most High. (Isaiah 14:14). When Satan had once transfused his own self-will and pride

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into the parents of mankind, all manner of wickedness soon rushed in. All ungodliness and unrighteousness, shooting out into every kind of crimes soon filled the earth with all manner of abominations. Folly may oftentimes have the semblance of wisdom, but it is in appearance only. So it is with the face of an ape, which has a resemblance to that of a human being, but upon a closer inspection he is found to be nothing but a beast.

Deceit and Murder are among the first crimes which appear in the human heart. The Serpent, the form and emblem of the first deceiver of mankind, is considered as an emblem of deceit; and the Hyena, who, wild and savage in appearance, tears open graves and feasts upon the bodies of the dead, may represent the murderer. Deceit is universally prevalent among all mankind. The devil is stated to be a murderer from the beginning, "a liar," and his children, or those over whom he has influence, have the spirit within. (John 8:44)

Anger and Ill-will, represented by a growling tiger, have been defined by the scriptures as an attribute of the devil himself. (1 Peter 5:8) Revenge is the offspring of anger, and stops at nothing it is violent/wicked. The histories of the ages are full of tragic outrages prompted by this diabolical feeling. Revenge builds in the heart and neither time nor distance can assuage the thirst for revenge.

Fraud, the vice so common among the wicked, has been often represented by the Crocodile, as this creature, it is said, in order to bring men or beasts within reach of its rapacious jaws, utters forth a piteous and distressful cry. Some say that it devours whatever it catches, all but the head, and then weeps because there is no more to satisfy its ravenous appetite.

A covetous and earthly-minded disposition is sometimes represented by the figure of the toad that makes its living close to the earth.

Extravagance and Gluttony represented by a Goat and Hog, are termed beastly vices, as by them man is assimilated and degraded to the level of a beast.

Guilt is represented by the Bat, a creature partly partaking of the nature of the beast, and partly that of a bird it seeks obscurity, and generally moves or flies during the shades of night, and appears to have a peculiar aversion to the light of the sun.

Blindness, moral or spiritual, is represented by the Mole. The eyes of this animal are extremely small, and perfectly hid in its fur, and it is said by naturalists that it has the power of withdrawing or exerting them at his leisure. He that is spiritually blind becomes so by his own choice, and, like the Mole, has the power to withdraw his eyesight from objects he does not like to consider. The wisest of heathens have borne testimony to the

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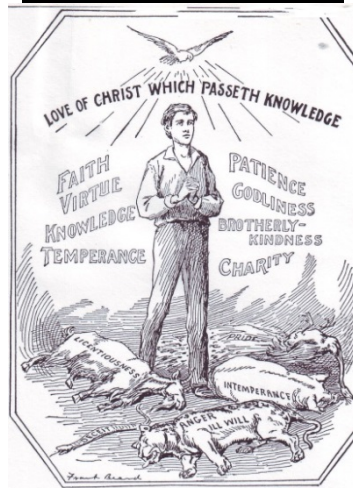
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universal depravity of the human heart. It was indeed their common opinion that there was a time when men in general were virtuous and happy; this they called the golden age. This belief, which pervaded almost all nations; probably had its origin in the account given by inspiration of our first parents in the Garden of Eden. But it was generally believed that this happy age had expired long ago.

In the days of Noah, deceit, anger, and murder stalked abroad. The earth became a field of blood. Revenge, cruelty, ambition, with all sorts of injustice, every species of public and private wrongs, was universally used. Hatred, envy, malice, blood-thirstiness, and falsehood, rode triumphant, till the Creator, looking down from heaven upon an incorrigible race, swept them from the face of the earth. But how little were the following generations improved by the severe judgment. Those that lived after the flood do not appear to have been much, if any, better than those who lived before it. Wickedness, in all its forms, again soon overspread the earth, in every nation, city, and family. Hence, it is a melancholy truth, that (excepting where the Spirit of God has made a difference) all mankind, now, as well as those four thousand years since, have corrupted their ways before the Lord; and every imagination of the thoughts of the human heart is only evil, continually again.

Notes

Sanctified Christian



Behold, in life the Christian sanctified, Strengthened by faith, by fiery trials tried, lie dreads no more temptations fearful night, But moves at liberty in God's own light; He walks with Faith, who, with her heavenly ray, Sustain his soul, and brightens all the way; He walks with knowledge; Heavenly wisdom true inspires his courage, brings his foes to view. He lives with Godliness inspiring fear, A respectful fear of God, and love sincere; Brotherly kindness unto all he shows, charity, forgiving all his foes.

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Related verses:

2 Peter 1:5-7; 1 John 1:7; Matthew 5:48; 1 Thessalonians 5:23;
1 Corinthians 1:30; 1 Corinthians 1:2; John 17:17; 2 Corinthians 7:1

The sanctified Christian walks at liberty in the keeping of God's commandments. The influence of the Holy Spirit is shed abroad upon him, and he adds to his faith, virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity. (2 Peter 1:6) Having the love of Christ within, the true Christian overcomes the evil passions by which he is beset; indeed they lie dead at his feet.

The sanctified Christian has that Faith which has led him to embrace the whole Gospel of Jesus Christ, and has that virtue, or courage and fortitude, which enables him to profess Christ before men, even in times of fiery persecution, at the hazard of life itself. He has knowledge, that true wisdom by which his faith is increased and his courage directed, preserving it from degenerating into rashness. The knowledge or wisdom he receives immediately from above, in answer to prayer; for if he lacks wisdom, God has promised to give it to him.

The Christian is temperate in all things, and makes a proper limited use of all earthly enjoyments, keeping every sense under correct restraint, never suffering the animal part to overpower the rational; he bears all trials and difficulties with an even mind, enduring in all, persevering through all.

The true Christian has godliness, or piety toward God, a deep reverential fear, not only worshiping God with every outward act, but adoring, loving, and magnifying Him in the heart, worshiping Him in spirit and truth. He senses a spirit of love toward his fellow-men, especially a spirit of brotherly kindness to all the body of Christ. He has charity, love to the whole human race, even to persecutors. True religion is neither selfish nor insulated; it rejoices with those that rejoice, and weeps with those that weep. (Romans 12:15) Possessed of these graces, the Christian is rendered active in all Christian duties, and is faithful in every good word and work. (2 Thessalonians 2:17)

The Christian who does not do this service has his understanding darkened, 2 Peter 1:9 ***But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.*** he cannot see afar off, shutting his eyes against the light, winking, not able to look truth in the face, nor to behold that God whom he once knew was reconciled to him; and thus it appears that he is willfully blind and hath forgotten he was purged from his old sins; has, at last, through his non-improvement of the grace he has received from God, his faith ceasing to work by love, lost the evidence of things not seen, for, having grieved the Holy Spirit by riot not

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showing forth the virtues of him who called him into his marvelous light, (1 Peter 2:9). . . darkness and hardness having taken the place of light and devoted confidence. He calls his former experience into doubt, and questions whether he has put enthusiasm in the place of religion. By these means his hardness and darkness increase, his memory becomes indistinct and confused, until, at length, he forgets the work of God on his soul, The Bible exhorts us: 2 Peter 1:10 *Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:* By which it appears that if the Christian is careful and diligent to work out his salvation by adding to his faith, virtue, etc., he will never stumble or fall; he who does not, by good works, confirm his calling and election, will soon have neither; although no good works ever purchased the kingdom of God, yet no soul can expect to see God for who He is, without showing God your intentions are real. We do not work for the Lord to gain His favor, but we work for Him because we love Him. When the Lord sees that kind of heart, He blesses and will bless.

"Sanctification is that work of God's grace by which we are renewed after the image of God, is set apart for His service, and enables us to die unto sin and live unto righteousness; it must be carefully considered in a twofold.

1. As an inestimable privilege granted us from God.
2. An all comprehensive duty required of us by his holy Word. It is distinguished from justification thus: Justification changeth our state in law before God as a judge; sanctification changeth our heart and life before Him as our Father; justification precedes, and sanctification follows as the fruit and evidence. Justification removes the guilt of sin; sanctification conforms us to His image. Sanctification is a divine and progressive work. It is an internal work, not consisting in external profession or bare morality; it is a necessary work as to the evidence of our state, the honor of our character, the usefulness of our lives, the happiness of our minds, and the enjoyment of God's presence in a future world. The sanctified Christian has a holy reverence, earnest regard, and patient submission to the will of God. Sanctification is nothing less than for a man to be brought to an entire resignation to his will, to the will of God, to live as offering up of his soul continually in the flames of love as a whole burnt offering to Christ.

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Name _____

1. What is the toad a picture of?
2. Why is the peacock a great picture of Satan?
3. Why does the Christian strive to sanctify his life?
4. What are some characteristics of the true Christian?
5. Define these words?
 - a. Sanctification
 - b. Justification
 - c. guile
6. What do the bat and the tavern have in common?
7. How does the natural man deal with offences?

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8. How does the spiritual man deal with offences?
9. What does Babylon and the human heart have in common?
10. How does the sanctified Christian feel about his Lord?
11. Explain Matthew 6:23.
12. Why does the sanctified Christian work for the Lord?
13. Explain the crocodile.
14. Explain the tiger.

True/false

- The Sanctified Christian must battle his flesh daily.
- Following your heart has never been good advice.
- The Sanctified Christian has devotion and deep reverential fear towards his Lord.

Scripture memorization, write out these verses on the back on this page:
Revelation 18:2; Ephesians 2:3; 1 Peter 1:7; Matthew 5:48 (Must be in KJV)

Any questions?