

Sanctification: Covenant Gateway to Glorification Part 4

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The Chaplain, Covenant University, Pastor Charles Ihekwa, has said that it is possible for everyone to make heaven. He said this while delivering the sermon titled, "Sanctification: Covenant Gateway to Glorification," at the regular Tuesday Chapel Service on January 26, 2016.

Pastor Ihekwa emphasised the place of sanctification for anyone to enjoy eternity in heaven. "You can live a holy life," he said. He described sanctification as a conscious acknowledgement of one's sin and shortcomings, Proverbs 28: 13. Adding that, "You acknowledged that you have erred and determine to sin no more, Psalm 51: 1-3, 1John 1: 8-10."

The Chaplain noted that glorification is in levels but the individual believer's level of sanctification would determine the level of glorification, 1Corinthians 15: 41, 2Timothy 2: 19-21.

Pastor Ihekwa said that the major weapon the devil uses against man's glorification is sin. Sin, according to him, has spiritual root and must be handled spiritually. "The ultimate goal of sin is to bring spiritual death. Anytime we willingly commit sin, something dies in us. If you want to live a glorious life, you don't tamper with sin, Ezekiel 18: 4, Romans 3: 23," he explained.

While enumerating the nature of sin, Pastor Ihekwa said sin blinds the eye and the mind of sinners, 2Corinthians 4: 3-4, 1Samuel 12: 3, Romans 15: 4. He added that sin is contagious. "When you have relationship with sinners, they will infect you, 1Corinthians 15: 33, 1Corinthians 5: 6, Galatians 5: 9. It is a spiritual cancer," he said.

How do you deal with sin? He asked rhetorically. "You engage the spirit of love. God's kind of love, 2Timothy 1: 7, Romans 5: 5, John 3: 16, 1John 2: 15. You also crave for the spirit of obedience, Ezekiel 36: 37, 1Peter 1: 2 as well as hunger and thirst after righteousness, Mathew 5: 6, Phillipian 2: 12-13, Psalm 45: 6-7. We need to hate sin by all means," he explained.

He highlighted the benefits of sanctification to include enjoying peace, quietness and assurance, Isaiah 32: 17-18, Proverbs 28: 1; assurance of divine protection, Psalm 125: 1-3, 1Peter 3: 13 and guarantees eternity, 1Corinthian 6: 9-11, Revelation 21: 7-8.