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a) Our responsibility in sanctification

1. What is sanctification?

2 Tim 2:20-22

²⁰ But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honour and some for dishonour. ²¹ Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honour, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. ²² Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart

- God has completed ALL that He should do for the believers SANCTIFICATION. It is finished
- 2. It is evident that from the word and EXPERIENCE that believers (Those of us) who do not ENTER INTO PRACTICAL SANCTIFICATION is not because God has OMITTED or FAILED to do anything that is necessary to enable us to enter into Sanctification.

b) Flesh and worldliness

• We FAIL because we are not willing – there is no WILLINGNESS AND STRONG DESIRE to let go of the Lust of the flesh, WORLDLY PLEASURES, OUR COMFORT and PRIDE OF LIFE.

1 John 2:15-17

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

We fail because we are not willing to take up our RESPONSIBILITY IN SANCTIFICATION, we
are just half heart believers who mentally agree with what the scripture says, BUT we do not
want to APPLY it into our daily living.

c) If it's God alone

 God has done His part PERFECTLY AND COMPLETELY in this area of SANCTIFICATION OF BELIEVERS. If it depended only on God ALONE, every believer would be enjoying perfect sanctification from the day he is saved to the day he leaves the FLESH.

1. Foot stool

Heb 10:11-18

¹¹ And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. ¹⁴ For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified. ¹⁵ But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before, ¹⁶ "THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR HEARTS, AND IN THEIR MINDS I WILL WRITE THEM," ¹⁷ then He adds, "THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS

I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE." ¹⁸ Now where there is remission of these, *there is* no longer an offering for sin.

- One sacrifice for sins FOREVER
- Sat down at the right hand of God waiting till His ENEMIES are made His FOOT STOOL

Eph 1:22 & 23

²² And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Psalm 110:1

The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

- He has perfected FOREVER those who are being SANCTIFIED
- The HOLY SPIRIT ALSO WITNESSES TO US- Romans 8:16
- This is the COVENANT Jeremiah 31:33-34
- Sins ... I will remember no more Hebrews 8:12; Romans 11:27
- Remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin.

2. Our responsibility

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GOD SOVEREIGN CHOICE

- Material used for the vessel is NOT the IMPORTANT thing
- Vessel should not bother about their makeup material- story of TALENTS ... we have different Talents and gifts Matthew 25:15-30.
- The use will not be decided on the basis of material but on the basis of how the vessel treats itself.
- The vessel that PURIFIES itself will be for NOBLE use. It has made itself READY (CONSECRATED ITSELF) for the Master's use.
- Each vessel that has PURIFIED itself must be SANCTIFIED (Separated) from all that can make it dirty

Vessel purifies itself purifies itself does not purify itself

Qualifies Qualifies Disqualified

Vessel consecrate itself Does not consecrate itself

Used by the Master Not used by the Master

3. Master does not decide

- The vessel makes a choice whether to be used by the Master or not. The decision is not made by the master.
- All PURE VESSELS, that purify themselves will be used by the Master.
- All vessels that DO NOT PURIFY themselves have chosen not to be used by the Master.

4. Consecration

- Consecration is an act of making oneself AVAILABLE to the Lord to be used as He wants.
- But before anyone can consecrate himself, he must purify himself. Only the pure can be consecrated to the Lord.