

as in 1:17-18. This is the heart of the Apostolic prayer and is accomplished through worship, obedience and growth in the richness of spiritual experience.

b. Yieldedness to the Head of the Church. After the Scripture of 1:22. This is not a theoretical yieldedness but an obedience to Scripture...in all the practices and movements of life. It is an area in which we have opportunity to exercise considerable growth. Total conformity to it is not attained in this life but an attitude that leads in that direction is very possible as we are guided by the sacred Bible. The saint should see the deepness of the debt of grace and out of love should feel a strong affinity to the one who has made it possible and knowable.

c. A display of good works (2:10)

We cannot say too much about this. We are not saved by works but in both this passage and the parallel statements in Titus, the relation between faith and good works is very plain. God, we are told, has already laid out the path of good works so it seems obvious that those which we are to do are instructions of Scripture regarding our neighbors, etc.

C. Conclusion

The saint does not live well to become a saint but a saint lives well because he is a saint. The test of life is not so much a test of what you are as it is a test of how you show it. The Christian must learn to think of himself as a saint and let his practices be such as would show the truth of what God has done for him.

III. The Position and Practice of a Son

Galatians 4:1-6; Romans 8:1-14, John 1:12
1 John 3:1-3

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