

with *Uncle Pee.*

HOLINESS IS NOT NEGOTIABLE

Text: 1 Peter 1v5-16

Holiness is a non-negotiable requirement for anyone who hopes to spend eternity in heaven. You cannot bargain yourself out of it, neither can you approach it like an optional requirement. Without holiness Heb. 12v14 says no one can see the Lord and as He which hath called you is holy so be ye holy for I am holy (1Peter 15-10). God desires and demand holiness from everyone who wish to follow and live with Him eternally Eph. 5v1-17.

God did not just command us to be Holy, He made provisions for it. In the book of Ezekiel 36v26 says "A new heart also will I give you and a new spirit will I put within you and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh and I will give you a heart of flesh".

This is God's promise of sanctification to all who desire and pray for it. Also don't forget that a great deal has been paid for the sanctification of your soul. Christ paid dearly on the cross for you to have access to all spiritual experiences. We cannot afford to allow the sacrifice that our savior Jesus Christ paid in the cross of Calvary to go in vain. What could possibly hinder your from experiencing this great dimension of grace in your life. Jesus paid it all on the Cross; this second work of grace is yours for the taking.

The world has succeeded in convincing many people that perfection before the Lord is impossible. They argue that it is impossible to have a pure heart. Obviously this is orchestrated by the devil to hinder God's plan for His children. It is not within your jurisdiction to make yourself or anyone sanctified, it is God's prerogative. If it were up to you to make yourself perfect then we can talk about impossibility but with God nothing is impossible.

God alone has the ability to

make anyone perfect. If it is His job to make you sanctified why would you wonder for a moment if it is possible to be pure in heart? Why would a loving father demand of you something that is impossible? God is not in the business of toying with His children. He can make you pure and perfect.

All He asks for is that you first become saved and have Jesus as your Lord and personal savior then sincerely desire and thirst for a pure heart. This should naturally lead to asking Him fervently in prayer and believing that He will do it, for without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him – Heb 11v6.

The purification of heart will end your struggles with the flesh because your Adamic nature is removed at that point of getting sanctified. Your love for God becomes so intensified (Deut. 30v6) that it spills over your relationship with other people and your attitude towards the work of God.

You will experience a steady work with God, a fruitful ministry, a peaceful and enduring relationship with man and a pleasing lifestyle before God.

Beyond serving God in righteousness and walking in perfection before Him all the days of our lives

here, holiness also perfects the believer for glory. God want above all things to have us live with him eternally in Heaven, Hence He commanded walk before me and be thou perfect. Gen. 17v1. As children of the most high God we should endeavour to resemble our father and do everything to please him. Holiness is possible as long as we are determined. We must ask for His grace to help us to be able to live to please Him.

