



## Wells of Salvation Ministries

Sermon Outline 19

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### “Christian Commitment”

Scripture – Romans 12:1-5

Text – 2 Timothy 1:12

**Introduction:** There are only two kinds of people in the world. I know – there are tall ones – short ones, fat ones – thin ones, Republicans – Democrats, men – women, but basically there are only two classes – sinners and Christians. And each has its own commitments which it demands of its followers.

#### I. Sinners

##### 1. Commitment of sins

###### A. Natural thing

1. Romans 8:7 – “...*the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be...*” 1 Corinthians 2:14 – “...*the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God...*”
2. They swear when angry
3. Some get drunk on Friday, others get drunk anytime
4. Some shop for another woman – another man
5. Some cheat their fellowman
6. Others tell lies until they can’t tell what is the truth
7. Still others never attend church, never pray, never read God’s Word
  - a. Bible calls these ungodly
  - b. God is left out

###### B. Daily practice – 365 ¼ days a year

###### C. Undesirable habit

1. Every sinner eventually reaches point where he’s “had it”!
  - a. Sin promises the world – takes the soul (hangover, headache, heartache, grief, pain, anguish)
  - b. Guilt complex builds up (Old Account)
  - c. Remorse for injuring a Friend (Christ) burns in the heart
    - (1) Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation – 2 Corinthians 7:10
  - d. Fear of meeting sins at Judgment drives one to search for a new life
2. Man can’t break sin habit alone
  - a. Reformation not enough
    - (1) (e.g., boy with finger in dike)
    - (2) (e.g., fly on fly paper; or animal in trap)

##### 2. Commitment of sins to Christ

###### A. Christ only Savior from sin – “only Name” – Acts 4:12

1. No wonder we sing His praises
2. We’d all be in hell without Christ

###### B. Christ sure Savior

1. Has no use for sin – can’t look upon it with any degree of favor

2. Will bury sin in sea of His forgetfulness
  - a. Not remember or accuse as men do

## II. Saints

1. Commitment of self to Christ
  - A. Sinner had no self to offer – Ephesians 2:1 says he is dead in trespasses and sins
  - B. New birth produced a new creature
    1. *“If any man be in Christ...”* – 2 Corinthians 5:17
    2. “Brethren” – blood brothers through Christ’s sacrifice
    3. “living sacrifice”
    4. “holy” – forgiven
    5. “acceptable” – record clean, person reconciled to God
  - C. Natural thing
    1. “reasonable” – nothing outlandish
      - a. God has brought us from death to life
      - b. God has bought us – we are not our own – 1 Corinthians 6:20
      - c. In gratitude we give our new selves to Him
        - (1) What we are and will be – dedicated to His glory
        - (2) What we have and will have – dedicated to His glory
        - (3) Too many professed Christians ride the brake through life
  - D. Daily practice
    1. Paul – *“I die daily”* – 1 Corinthians 15:31
      - a. Daily “amen” to our initial commitment required

### Self Examination

*Summe up at night what thou hast done by day  
 And in the morning what thou has to do;  
 Dresse and undresse thy soul; mark the decay  
 And growth of it; if with thy watch that too  
 Be down, then winde up both.*

-- George Herbert

- b. Take cross daily – Luke 9:23
  - c. We pray and live right “without ceasing”; Life becomes a holy habit
- E. Desirable action
  1. Produces a greater purity – Acts 15:9
  2. Produces a greater fullness of God (Holy Spirit) – Acts 2:4
  3. Produces a greater power – Acts 1:8
    - a. Purity produced power (Spark plugs)
    - b. For right living and...
  4. Leads to greater usefulness
    - a. *“Ye shall be witnesses”* – Acts 1:8 (Disciples)
  5. Prepares more fully for Heaven
    - a. Pure in heart see God – Matthew 5:8

b. Without holiness of dedicated life no man shall see God – Hebrews 12:14

### **Vision**

*I could see God tonight  
If my heart were right.  
If all the rubbish of my soul  
Were cleared away, my whole being...*

*If my heart were right  
I could see God tonight!  
And in the radiance of His face  
I'd flame with light, and fill this place  
With beauty, and the world would know  
The face of God down here below –  
Tonight!  
If only my dull heart were right.*

-- Bernard Lee Rice

6. Billy Graham once stated,

“The truth is that what we present to the Lord He will accept, and what He accepts He cleanses, and what He cleanses He fills, and what He fills He uses, and what He uses He delights to honor. Such a Christian will be anything, do anything or go anywhere for the sake of Christ.”

**Conclusion:** The best athlete is the one dedicated to the rules of training and the game. The best citizen is the one who is dedicated to the best interests of his country; likewise, the best Christian is that one who is fully dedicated to Christ and His will. Are you that kind of Christian? If not, you can be – starting today!