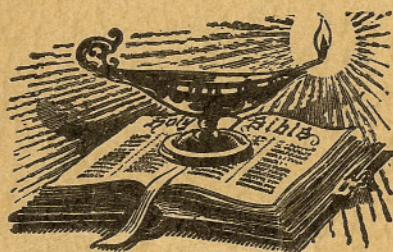


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5th Annual Session

The West Virginia

State Meeting



Of The

Free Will Baptist Church

IN SESSION WITH

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Fry, W. Va.

SANCTIFICATION

Since the subject of sanctification is one concerning which there is so much difference in opinion, it is especially wise when studying the subject, to gather all relating scriptures and through a prayerful study of each, be led by the Spirit into a line of thinking coinciding with the scriptures as a whole.

In defining the word, it is generally accepted that it means, the act of purging, cleansing, purifying, setting apart, etc.

There are several agents of Sanctification mentioned in the Word.

1. The Blood. Heb. 9:13-14; 10:29; 13:12.
2. The Word of Truth. St. John 17:17-19; Eph. 5:26.
3. The Holy Ghost. Rom. 15:16.
4. God. I. Thes. 5:23; Jude 1.

There are many other places in the Word which are too numerous to mention here, yet they all conform the same general line of Truth, that is, that sanctification not only embraces the conversion but the whole pathway of the Christian life.

For a moment let us consider the purpose of Sanctification. Man, who was created in the image and likeness of God, and who enjoyed the fellowship and communion with God, fell so low into depravity, sin, corruption, ungodliness, and death, and so far from the lofty, holy, pure and heavenly estate of God, that before he could again come into the presence of God, there must be a "process" of preparation, lest he should be consumed. Heb. 12:29.

There are three biblical pictures, which, when taken in their entirety, and compared with the other, give us a very thorough and sound insight into this sanctifying process.

1. In the Mosaical Law we have the pattern.
2. In the New Testament a spiritual confirmation in reality of the pattern.
3. Finally, by the Word in Revelation, we see that in Heaven itself, and after this life is over, the process of sanctification shall have been completed.

In giving to Moses the pattern, God, not only told him by Word of mouth, but He bowed the Heavens low and came down letting Moses look on the things he was instructed to, "Make them according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount." Psalms 18:9-10; Heb. 9:23; Heb. 8:5.

The people were instructed to sanctify themselves, that is, through cleanliness and sanitation, doing those things that they themselves could do. God would then come to them afar off in a cloud of smoke and fire.

In the pattern, God commanded Moses to make a holy anointing oil after the art of the Apothecary, to be used only for the special purpose for which it was made. (The incense was made likewise). This oil, a type of the Holy Ghost, was to be used to anoint the priesthood and the vessels of the ministry, setting them apart for the work of God from the very start, just as the Holy Ghost entering the new convert does the same.

Let us give a brief study to the work of the high priest, preparatory to, and, while entering into the presence of God in the Holy of Holies in the tabernacle. In this we shall make an illustrative comparison with the actual process of sanctification, accomplished in the individual from it's beginning at conversion unto it's completion at the end of the "pathway."

Bear in mind the fact that in the arrangement of the Tabernacle, the entrance to the Outer Court, the Holy Place, and the Holy of Holies, each faced east, or were in line one with the other. In this straight line, or suppose we call it "Pathway," were: 1. The Brazen Altar of burnt offering, and the Laver containing water for washing. Ex. 40:30-32, these both in the Outer Court.

2. The Table of Shewbread on the right, the Candlestick on the left, and the Golden Altar of Incense in the "Pathway," these in the Holy Place. 3. Finally, through the veil into the Holy of Holies was the Ark of the Covenant where God promised to dwell, between the cherubim over the Mercy Seat. God was at the end of the "Pathway."

Let us consider diligently the "Process of Preparation" undergone before the High Priest actually came into the presence of God. He came to the door of the tabernacle by way of the Brazen Altar, the sacrificial animal having been slain and the blood applied to the lobes of the ears, the thumbs and the great toes. Blood was also sprinkled around about and upon the Brazen Altar where the flesh was burnt. Just so the penitent sinner begins his sanctification or "Process of Preparation" by faith in the Blood of Christ. Heb. 9:13 14; 10:19-22. He next came to the Laver

and washed upon the arrival at the door of the Tabernacle, already mentioned. Just so the regenerated soul while traveling the Christian Pathway is refined to a higher state of purity by the "Washing of Water by the Word." Eph. 5:25-27. Exodus 29 also places the anointing with the oil as being at the door of the Tabernacle.

Next, he entered the Holy Place by way of the Shewbread, comparable to the bread (Christ) that came down from Heaven. St. John 6:48-51; the candlestick or type of the Spirit, then at the Golden Altar of incense he got a censer of fire to carry with him into the Holy of Holies.

As he entered through the veil into the Holy of Holies he sprinkled incense (prayers, Rev. 8:3-4) on the censer of fire producing a cloud of smoke (Comparable to the glory of the consecrated and separated Christian) which served as a protective covering from the consuming power of God. Heb. 12:29.

Two of Aarons sons coming into the presence of God, contrary to the plan of preparation and bringing strange fire which God did not kindle, were consumed.

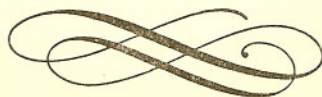
Solomon summed up the process of Sanctification in a few words by saying, "The Path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Prov. 4:18; I. Cor. 13:9-12; Phil. 3:13.

By way of conclusion let us say that Sanctification is a process of purification or preparation begun in the life of the individual at regeneration and continuing toward the whole or perfect state. I. Thes. 5:23.

Brethren, while we are going through the fires of purification (Malachi 3:2-3) here, let us be comforted with the picture portrayed in Rev. 15:2-3, where the victorious saints (no longer needing the washing by the Word, or yet in the Laver, nor even in Solomon's brazen sea) who stand on a sea of glass containing fire rather than water, sing the song of victory, praise His name forever. We close with "For the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready." Rev. 19:7.

Rev. W. C. Combs

Crab Orchard, W. Va.



FRIDAY

9:00 A. M. —Devotional in charge of Rev. J. M. Henson.

Song, "Praise Him."

Prayer by Rev. J. E. Hardey.

Lesson 1st 12 verses, 3rd chapter of 1st James.

Welcome address by Rev. Clifford Bush, host pastor.

Response by Rev. Herrold Dunlap

Motion that we adopt printed programs and stay with them as much as possible When changes are necessary, the Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer have authority to supply. Moderator elected, Rev. John M. Henson; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Brooks Spurlock; Clerk elected, Sister Mary Henson; Assistant Clerk, Bro. Bea Straton; Treasurer elected, Rev. Ralph Dean.

Business Committee

Rev. Oliver Privett, Chairman

Rev. Carl Vallance

Rev. G. E. Pauley

Rev. Herrold Dnnlap

Rev. Kenneth Brown

Resolution Committee

Rev. Melvin Sanford, Chairman

Rev. A. A. Collins

Rev. Horace Carey

While singing "The Lily of the Valley," ministers and delegates were registered, also at this time Elder Damon C. Dodd, our national executive secretary, was given a hand of welcome. Adjourned for preaching at 11 A. M.

Devotional by Rev. Kenneth Brown. Lesson 103 Psalm.

Prayer led by Rev. R. H. Doan.

Message by Rev. W. C. Combs. Subject: "Sanctification which appears in this issue. A real message from the Bible was enjoyed by all present. Song by Rev. Kenneth Brown.

Dismissed by Rev. Herrold Dunlap.

2:00 P. M. --

Song, "I'll Be Satisfied."

Lesson — 12 verses of 3rd chapter of Colossians.

Prayer by Rev. E. F. Bias.

Special song, Sister Maggie Bias and Elner Rose.

Song by congregation.

Talk on Foreign Missions by Rev. Kenneth Brown.

Talk on Home Missions by Rev. Oliver Privett.

A wonderful talk was given on missions and education by Rev. Damon C. Dodd.

Report by Rev. Carl Vallance on Foreign Missions.

We are a great deal behind with our quota this year.

Report of Super-Annuation Board Chairman, Rev. E. F. Bias.

Rev. Kenneth Brown was elected as 3-year man on the Foreign Mission Board.

Rev. Oliver Privett elected to a 3-year term on Home Mission Board.

Motion Rev. J. T. Weaver be elected to 1-year term on Home Mission Board. Carried.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Item No. 1.—Motion that the sum of \$8.02 be paid clerk for postage and stamps. Carried.

Item No. 2.—We, the business committee, recommend that this body elect another member for the Home Mission board to fill the unexpired term of E. N. Withrow. Carried.

Item No. 3.—Motion made that we table Item Number 3 of business committee until tomorrow for change of article 6 of Constitution to read as follows: "The Executive Board shall be composed of the following members: the Moderator, the Secretary, the Treasurer of the State Meeting, and one representative from each quarterly meeting to be elected from the floor of the State Meeting."

Item No. 4.—We, the Business Committee, recommend that this body grant the Beckley Conference it's appeal as the W. Va. Yearly Meeting over-rode its by-laws. (a) The decision of the State meeting is that the Beckley Quarterly Meeting was right and that the Yearly Meeting over-rode their own by-laws. Carried.

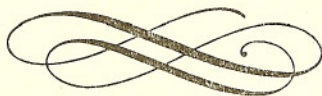
—The Yearly Meeting shall have power to discipline the quarterly meetings of which it is composed, and to exclude them for disorderly work, if labor proves unsuccessful; but in no case to reverse their decision, nor to interfere with any of their internal regulations.

Item No. 5.—We, the Business Committee, recommend that this body receive all letters from various conferences, but omitting the remarks of the McDowell letter. Carried.

Item No. 6.—We, the Business Committee, recommend to this body that it send a committee of 5 men to meet with the Greenville, Tennessee orphanage board, to consider building a W. Va. Cottage. Carried.

Item No. 7.—We, the Business Committee, recommend to this body that the Christian Worker's Institute be held with the Kilsyth, W. Va. Free Will Baptist Church. Carried

Item No. 8.—We, the Business Committee, recommend to this body that it raise the fee from \$5.00 to \$25.00 per Conference to be used for the various phases of the work. Carried.



7:00 P. M. —

Devotional was in charge of Rev. Herrold Dunlap, who had songs and praise for about 45 minutes after which time he introduced Rev. Damron C. Dodd, who spoke on the subject: "Scars and Burdens." Taken from Galations 6:17. "From henceforth let no man trouble me: for "I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus." A wonderful time was enjoyed and a real message from the Lord. A hand-shake and singing was enjoyed very much.

SATURDAY

9:00 A. M.—

Song—"Heaven Holds All To Me."

Devotional led by Rev. J. W. Cooper.

Prayer by everyone to their own hearts' desire.

Song—"I'll Be Ready."

Lesson—Second chapter of Ephesians.

While singing "Some Day" those who had not registered, did so at this time.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Item No. 1.—We, your Committee, resolve that an article be added to the by-laws of the state meetings. Ordained ministers in good standing with the state meeting and appointed delegates from the District Association or Yearly Meeting or Conference be the voting power of this body.

Item No. 2.—We also resolve that the executive board set as a revising committee to revise the Constitution and by-laws, setting a definite date and announcing it before the adjournment of this session.

Item No. 3.—We also resolve that ministers 60 years and over be exempted for the \$1.00 registration fee.

Item No. 4.—We also resolve that the programs of the state meeting be printed with the minutes instead of being in pamphlet form and mailed.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE

Motion made that we receive the report of the committee appointed previous to see whether or not a State meeting could be incorporated or chartered. The Committee finds that it is against the laws of W. Va. Accepted. Committee: Rev. J. M. Henson, Rev. Herrold Dunlap, Rev. Carl Vallance.

Motion that we elect those 5 men for committee to plan and work and as soon as plans are made to use their own judgment about spending the money for a cottage in Greenville, Tennessee. Committee: Rev's. R. H. Doan, Herrold Dunlap, Oliver Privett, Earnest Bias, Brooks Spurlock. Carried.

Motion we give time allotted to sister Ruby Dunlap to Bro. I. L. Stanley from the Orphanage for a report on Education and Free Will Baptist Orphanage work in Greenville, Tennessee. His talk was very much appreciated and he answered several questions pertaining to the work. Carried.

Rev. D. E. Bias gave his report on Education. He was elected on the Board of Education for 3 years. Motion was made that we take from table items of business pertaining to Article 6 of Constitution. Motion carried. Adjournment for preaching. Song by congregation "There Is A Fountain."

Prayer by each Christian leading their own prayer.

11:30 A. M.—

Message by Rev. George Dunfar of Tennessee.
Subject. The Wealth, the Walk, the Warfare of a Christian."
The message was enjoyed by all.

While singing "Amazing Grace" a hand of welcome was given to Bro. I. L. Stanley and Rev. George Dunfar of Tenn. Rev. and Mrs. Harry Carter from Ohio. Dismissed for noon.

2:00 P. M.—

Song, "I'll Be A Friend To Jesus."

Everyone praying in their own manner of prayer.

Report of State Secretary for year ending June, 1950. "I have conducted 8 revivals, 184 sermons, had 68 confessions, baptised 19, preached 5 funerals, married 1 couple, received \$651.81, expenses of \$172.18.

Respectfully submitted, John M. Henson. (Accepted.)

Motion made to elect Rev. John M. Henson for State Secretary for year ending June, 1951. (Carried.) An offering was taken for Rev. Henson to help bear his expense to National Association. Amount \$28.48.

Motion we accept the report of Rev. D. W. French, the treasurer of Free Will Baptist Orphanage Fund to the amount of \$1,954.76 in Treasury. (Carried.)

Motion to accept report of Publication Committee, with \$8.00 due on last issue of state paper. (Carried.)

While pausing for a few minutes the \$8.00 was collected.

Motion that we give state paper back to Sunday School Convention. Lost 27—6.

Motion that five men be elected to serve as Committee, and that Sunday School Convenion be requested to do same to work together to keep the paper going. (Carried.)

Gave chair permission to appoint them as follows: (Carried.) Rev's. E. F. Bias, Rufus Johnson, Nathan Conn, James Herrold and Bro. R. W. Henson.

Motion that we stand in silent prayer for those of our number who have passed to their reward. (Carried.)

Motion that we correspond with letter and delegates to the National Association. (Carried.) Bro. J. T. Ross of War, W. Va., volunteered to go. Motion we send funds for same. Carried.

Motion that the sermon of Rev. W. C. Combs on "Sanctification" be printed in minutes. (Carried.)

The special board meeting will be held at "Warrior Mines" W. Va., to revise by-laws and make up program. Jan. 13, 1951.

Motion to draw an order for Treasurer to pay for printing of minutes and postage, etc.

Executive Board reports that the next session of W. Va. State Meeting will be held with the Anstead Free Will Baptist Church at Anstead, W. Va., Fayette County. Starting at 9:00 A. M. Friday before the 2nd Sunday in June, 1951, 8—9, (Carried.)



OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Moderator, Rev. John M. Henson, Box 131, Hurricane, W. Va.; Clerk, Mrs. John M. Henson, Box 131, Hurricane, W. Va.; Treasurer, Rev. Ralph Dean, 1550 Lower Gimlet, Huntington, W. Va.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Carl Vallance, Monaville, W. Va., Mingo, No. 1.

Rev. John M. Henson, Box 131, Hurricane, W. Va. Brotherhood.

Rev. T. H. Hardey

Rev. Harry Booth, Davin, W. Va., Guyan Valley.

Rev. R. H. Doan, Bradley, W. Va., Beckley, W. Va.
Rev. Clifford Bush, Whitman, W. Va., Logan, W. Va.
Rev. Arnold Spence, Justice, W. Va., Wyoming.
Rev. Ernold Barker, Ashford, W. Va., Coal River Q. M.
Rev. James Herrold, Tad, W. Va., Kanawha, Q. M.
Rev. Nathan Conn, Route 1, Kermit, W. Va., Mingo No. 2
Rev. J. W. Cooper, Route 1, Fayetteville, W. Va., Fayette.
Rev. J. T. Weaver, Sprigg, W. Va., Tug River, Q. M.
Rev. Herbert Cook, Arnett, W. Va., Raleigh, Q. M.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Rev. Kenneth Brown, Route 1, N. Tazwell, Va., 1-year man.
Rev. Carl Vallance, Monaville, W. Va., 2-year man.
Rev. Horace Carey, Henlawson, W. Va., 1-year man.

HOME MISSION BOARD

Ernold Barker
2 Rev. Oliver Privett, Route 1, Midkiff, W. Va., 3-year man.
1 Rev. Jesse Blankenship, Box 470, Holden, W. Va., 2-years.
Rev. J. T. Weaver, Sprigg, W. Va., 1-year man.

BOARD of EDUCATION

Rev. D. E. Bias, Dry Creek, W. Va., 3-year man.
Rev. Herold Dunlap, Rt. 7, So. Charleston, W. Va., 2-years.
Rev. Wayne Damron, Henlawson, W. Va., 1-year man.

BOARD of SUPER-ANNUATION

Rev. Zack Browning, Logan, W. Va., 3-year man.
Rev. E. F. Bias, Naomi, W. Va., 2-year man.
Rev. Frank Johnson, Stone Coal, W. Va., 1-year man.

BOARD of TRUSTEES

Rev. D. W. French, Chairman, Crab Orchard, W. Va.
Rev. Oliver Privett, Route 1, Midkiff, W. Va.
Rev. Harry Booth, Davis, W. Va.
Rev. John M. Henson, Box 131, Hurricane, W. Va.

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Rev. E. F. Bias, Chairman, Naomi, W. Va.
Rev. Rufus Johnson, Monaville, W. Va.
Rev. Nathan Conn, Route 1, Kermit, W. Va.
Rev. James Herrold, Tad, W. Va.
Bro. Roy W. Henson, 401 Richmond Street, Huntington 2,
W. Va.



Program for State Meeting June 8 - 9, 1951


- 9:00 Rev. Marion Stevenson in charge of devotional.
Prayer by Rev. M. J. Fortner.
Scripture read by Rev. Marion Stevenson.
- 9:30 Address of welcome by pastor.
- 9:45 Response by Rev. James Herrold.
- 10:00 Election of officers.
- 10:30 Nomination and election of Committees.
- 11:00 Devotional by Rev. Elden Pauley.
- 11:10 Sermon by Rev. Taulbert Musick.
Alternate, Rev. Kenneth Brown.
- 12:00 (Noon) Adjournment.
- 2:00 Moderator in charge of devotional.
- 2:15 Talk on Foreign Missions by Rev. Kenneth Brown.
- 2:30 Report of Home Missions Board. Chairman, Rev. Oliver Privett.
- 2:45 Report of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board, Rev. Carl Vallance.
- 3:00 Report of Super-Annuation Board by Rev. Zack Browning.
- 3:15 Miscellaneous business.
- 4:00 Adjournment.
- 7:30 Devotional by Rev. Wayne Damron.

8:00 Introductory sermon by Dr. J. L. Welch, from Nat'l Association. Alternate, Rev. Damon C. Dodd.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1951

- 9:00 Devotional by Rev. Samuel Clay.
- 9:15 Report of various Committees and miscellaneous business.
- 10:00 Talk on Christian Education by Sister Bonnie Lou Henson.
- 10:30 Board of Education, report of chairman, Rev. D. E. Bias.
- 11:00 Report of the State Sunday School work by President Brother R. A. Halstead.
- 11:15 Sermon by Rev. R. H. Doan.
Alternate: Ernold Barker.
- 12:00 (Noon) Adjournment for lunch.
- 2:00 Devotional by Rev. Johnnie Bryant.
- 2:15 Report of the State Secretary.
- 2:30 Final business session.
- 4:00 Adjournment.

Program Committee:
Rev. Oliver Privett
Rev. Brooks Spurlock
Rev. T. H. Hardy



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Amount in Treasury	\$.07
Amount in Letters	118.00
Disbursements	54.00
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Balance	\$64.07

