



THE GOOD NEWS



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The Sanctified and Spirit Filled Life

What does it mean for a Christian to be sanctified "through and through" and then to live a Spirit filled life? Everett Lewis Cattell, former president of Malone College, Canton, Ohio, gives this explanation in his book The Spirit of Holiness, p.18.

Sanctification is a crisis experience in that one arrives at a moment of all-inclusive surrender, and it is a process in that it involves carrying the validity of that surrender into every succeeding moment of the eternal now, applying it to additional areas of un-Christlike living within us as they are revealed by the abiding Christ who is the Holy Spirit.

Recently I have written two articles—one describing my experience of entire sanctification and another describing the dynamic ongoing relationship with the Holy Spirit that produces a more Christlike character. I have been very personal and more specific than ever before. I share these two experiences with you with some fear-but with the concern that more Christians would experience their full victory privileges in Christ.

Chic Shaver

God Sanctified Me!

"May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through." 1 Thessalonians 5:23

No question about it. I knew God had saved me! On that November 20th night, my sins were forgiven, Christ entered the center of my life, God became real, love and joy and peace became my major emotions. I continued a day by day living relationship with Jesus. The Bible became an exciting book, I was receiving prayer answers, by grace I resisted old temptations. I was in church every time the door was opened, I was telling others what Jesus had done for me and bringing my friends to church.

Six months later, I was in crisis. Despite the continual relationship with God and blessings from God, ugly tempers began to arise from the basement of my soul. Certain people, even Christian friends, would rub me the wrong way. I knew a Christian should be loving,

so I would grit my teeth and clench my jaw and say, "Make yourself love him!" But I couldn't do it. Bitterness, resentment, impatience, jealousy, pride began rising up from deep within me. Along with that I sensed a lack of spiritual power - though I was sharing my faith with many, few were being changed. I wondered, "Is this the best my Christianity can be?"

Then some glimmers of light began to break through to me. I heard it in a sermon, read it in the Bible, heard it in a song, caught it in a personal testimony. I began to hear words like "entire sanctification", to be "filled with the Spirit", "purity of heart", to be "crucified with Christ", "the rest of faith", "full cleansing." Daily - consistently I prayed for God's answer to my dilemma.

Then on September 2nd, I was in a Sunday night service, God spoke to my heart, and prompted me to go forward to kneel at an altar for prayer. God spoke to me, "What have you been praying for all this time?"

I responded, "Lord, sanctify me."

Suddenly what seemed like an electric shock went all through my body and I was face down on the floor. I was so weak (though I was completely healthy 21 year old) I thought I was going to die. Then I realized, "That's exactly what's going to happen. The 'old Chic Shaver' is going to die."

Surrendering all of my forgiven life back to God, asking Him to "crucify" the remaining core of self centeredness, I

MINISTRY UPDATE		
City	TOTAL ATT.	SEEKERS
Victory Temple Kansas City, MO	26	-
Evangelism Challenge		
Church of Christ in Christian Union Circleville, OH	204	-
Pastor's Conference		
Crossroads Church Circleville, OH	46	2
Church of the Nazarene Durand, MI	539	42
Witness Seminar	27	-
Nancy's Message	63	-
St. Paul's Nazarene Kansas City, MO	158	11

attempted to reach out in faith to believe God for the answer. Upon the urging of Christian friends, I gathered all my faith and believed God to sanctify me.

The most amazing peace and joy flooded my heart. My strength suddenly returned. And oh, the love. I stood and testified God had just sanctified me through and through. Immediately a man in the congregation rushed forward to seek God. There was spiritual power. I went home singing Charles Wesley's "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" and sang it repeatedly over the next twenty-four hours.

My self-centeredness had gone to the cross. God had sanctified me 100%. The Spirit had filled me. My Christian life lifted to a whole new level. I still had many lessons to learn about the continual "walk in the Spirit" and I'm still learning. But I had entered a land called "victory", I'm still living there, and exploring new territory in that land.

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Give Him a Little Room

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is...patience...." Galatians 5:22
"Love is patient...." I Corinthians 13:4*

On time! Yes, I would be to my job on time. I had to drive narrow residential streets with a 25 mile speed limit and little opportunity to pass another car. The car in front of me began to slow - 20 - 15- 10 - 5 miles per hour. The man driving kept peering out the passenger side window. What was he looking for? Finally he stopped dead - in the street - no signal. Oblivious to all other drivers, he finally found what he was looking for - a garage sale.

For some time now I had been enjoying the Spirit filled life. Oh, don't get me wrong, I had my challenges. I considered one of my biggest weaknesses to be my tendency to impatience. I was on a mission for God, I had much to do, no road blocks, please.

I stopped my car dead behind his car. What else could I do? I didn't yell at him, I didn't honk my horn, and for some reason my patience - impatience meter hadn't even registered yet.

Then I heard that "Voice": "Give him a little room!" Yes, that's it, "Give him a little room!" It was like a page of a new chapter opened to me. Whatever my mission, all my life, I will rub shoulders with, meet, encounter, talk to people living their own lives with their own interests, challenges, cares, hopes, burdens. The Spirit of God and love both tell me to "give him a little room".

It's been years since I heard that "Voice" that day. The other driver finally pulled to the side, let me pass, and I made it to work on time. But far more important, I learned a lesson from the Spirit. At least 100 times through the following years of my life, under irritations and obstacles, those words come back to me. And 100 times I've been able to "give him a little room". How grateful I am that the Spirit who fully invades our hearts at sanctification will speak and guide and grow us into greater Christians - even in areas of weakness. "Give him a little room!"

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Leading People Into Sanctification

When I am asked to preach at a local church revival or a family camp or camp meeting including many churches, I have three major goals plus some secondary goals. My major goals:

1. Lead people to receive Christ as Savior and Lord.
2. Lead those who once received Christ and have become lukewarm to rekindle their spiritual fervor.
3. Lead Christians deeper into the experience of entire sanctification and the ongoing Spirit filled life.

Recently Crossroads Church, Circleville, Ohio, Pastor Tim Throckmorton, asked me to speak to a Wednesday night service on the subject "Leading People Into Entire Sanctification". While 46 people learned how they could lead others into that relationship, two adults came forward to pray to enter that relationship in their own lives.

One of the participants in that service was Dr. David E. Miller, Ph.D., FICPP, a psychologist, who practices in

Chic Shaver's Upcoming Ministry Schedule

June 5-9	Covenant Church of the Nazarene Danville, KY	Revival
June 21	General Assembly Indianapolis, IN	Witness Seminar
July 5-7	Upstate N.Y. Camp Meeting Brooktondale, NY	Camp Mtg
July 10-14pm	Intermountain District Camp Meeting, First Church Of the Nazarene, Nampa, ID	Camp Mtg
July 14am	Valley Shepherd Church of Nazarene, Meridian, ID	Sermon
July 21-26	West Texas District Family Camp Camp Arrowhead, Cleburne, TX	Camp Mtg
Aug 3-7	Harvest Community Church of the Nazarene, Peru, IL	Revival
Aug 30-Sept 2	Evangelists Homecoming Camp Meeting Indian Lake Camp Vicksburg, MI	Seminar

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Columbus and Circleville, Ohio. He is an author who has written to explain how psychological theory can bring clarification to understanding sanctification. He wrote me these kind words after that Wednesday night.

What a privilege it was to meet you and participate in the session at Crossroads Church last Wednesday evening. It is a REAL BLESSING to see that our foundational belief of holiness is still being proclaimed despite what seems to be a "watering down" of that doctrine among the holiness denominations Many of the issues I deal with daily in my office with patients coming from churches that claim a holiness tradition leads me to believe that individuals are not hearing this doctrine in a comprehensive manner. I can't help but believe if such patients had a true manifestation of holiness in their lives, they would not be experiencing the issues of sin that brought them to my therapy office.

Sincerely,
David Miller

Chic Shaver

Thirteen Basic Bible Studies

Robert Raedeke phoned me and asked to meet him regularly and share some of the lessons God has taught me. Robert, Presbyterian, is director for Young Life in the Belton, MO school district, ministering to seventh through twelfth graders. I introduced him to Basic Bible Studies for New and Growing Christians as a follow-up tool for his young converts. Robert and I worked through Basic Bible Studies for the Spirit Filled and Sanctified Life, one a week over lunch for our own spiritual growth. On May 1, he laid out 13 sets of the Basic Bible Studies in front of me on the lunch table representing the 13 people he is currently doing follow up Bible study with. He told me he had prayed this prayer:

I surrender these guys to you. You have burdened my heart for them. But the minute they become mine and not Yours, I've failed.

Amazing Grace!

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Because You Gave

Recently a financial gift was given to the Evangelism Center. The memo line on the check said, "For winning lost souls to Christ". Yes, this donor got it. That is the major concern of the Evangelism Center. And it's happening. Beyond that, your giving has done the following:

- Given 184 Basic Bible Studies for New and Growing Christians to pastors and leaders attending the annual

Ministerial Conference for The Churches of Christ in Christian Union held at Ohio Christian University, Maxwell Leadership Center, Circleville, OH.

- Donated books authored by and autographed by Dr. Shaver to the youth silent auction at Lake View Park Church of the Nazarene, Oklahoma City.
- Contributed Basic Bible Studies to the Kansas City Rescue Mission.
- Given Basic Bible Studies to all of this year's graduates of Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City; participants in this semester's evangelism class at Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs; graduates of Kansas City College and Bible School, Overland Park, KS.
- Provided discipleship materials to pastors and superintendents in New York, Texas, Idaho, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, and Arizona.
- Send personal evangelism materials to a Chaplain in Hawaii.
- Gave discipleship materials to three young men connected to Kansas City First Church who have all expressed a call to the ministry.
- Supplied discipleship resources to an inner city church, Kansas City.

As I Have Loved You

Mike Voudouris is a former seminary student and past associate in ministry with me here in Kansas City. He is now a chaplain in the US Army. He and Kristin have five beautiful children.

A recent letter from them revealed the depth of their love for Christ and for others like Jesus loved.

- Mike returns from a ten month deployment in Afghanistan. They rejoice at his ministry opportunities there.
- Kristin heroically nurtured their five children while Mike was gone, and was grateful for a constant stream of visitors who gave her support and energy.
- They included a generous check for the Evangelism Center and expressed gratitude for the faithfulness of Nancy and me in ministry.

Think of it—they have given sacrificially to the United States, the military, Afghanistan, their children, the souls of soldiers, the cause of Christ—and then even more—a sacrificial gift to the Evangelism Center. And its all joyfully. And Kristin's word is "There's no other place we'd rather be".

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"Witness" at the General Assembly

I have been asked to teach one hour of the Witness Without Fear seminar at the General Assembly of the

Church of the Nazarene, Indianapolis, Indiana, on Friday, June 21, 2013, 3:30-4:30pm.

If you would like some tools to help you be a better witness for Jesus, meet me there. I would also greatly enjoy renewing acquaintance with friends and former students. Indicate on the return, enclosed form if you will see me at that seminar or email me at DrChicShaver@aol.com.

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The Evangelism Award

This award is given by the Evangelism Center each year to a student or graduating senior “who shows the greatest concern for and effectiveness in reaching lost people for Christ” in the opinion of the faculty and/or administration. The Nazarene Seminary award of a cash gift and the Witnessing Without Fear album was given to **Linda Bynum**. The award recipient at the Nazarene Bible College was **Mary Thorpe**.

CONGRATULATIONS to you both!

204 Ministers and Leaders

Dr. Tom Hermiz, General Superintendent, Churches of Christ in Christian Union, sent the following word after 204 of his pastors and leaders has participated in a day long session in Circleville, Ohio.

It is my personal delight to recommend Dr. Chic Shaver and his outstanding presentation on “Witnessing Without Fear”. At my request he presented it at our annual Ministerial Conference. It is excellent material and our pastors found it to be very helpful. It is my privilege to recommend both the man and his message.
Thomas H. Hermiz

After Time Has Passed

What about people after they make their response to the Lord and time has passed?

- Mike Owen, who accepted Christ in the Mineral Wells, TX revival in August 2012 has been baptized, joined the Church of the Nazarene, and is strong in the Lord.
- Brian, who was sanctified in the Portsmouth, R.I. Camp Meeting in August, 2012, has taken his entire sanctification seriously, has enrolled in Bible school studies preparing for some type of ministry, is teaching adult Sunday School, and is strong.
- Mike Flaherty, who accepted Christ in the South Weymouth, MA revival after the Gospel was shared

personally September, 2012, has testified about his faith, urged his family to attend Church and give their lives to Christ, was cheered at his public baptism in January, 2013. His extended family is now attending the church.

- Robert Raedeke, after completing and discussing with me study number six of Basic Bible Studies for the Spirit Filled and Sanctified Life at Minsky’s Pizza said, “I have more energy, more emotional and spiritual reserve to give to people. Before I was exhausted.”

A Day at St. Paul’s

May 5th was a day St. Paul’s Church of the Nazarene will not forget for a long time! We held a one-day “Holiness Power Sunday” with Dr. Shaver speaking in both our morning and evening services. Of course these services were bathed in prayer for months prior and God certainly answered prayer through the anointed preaching of Chic.

Sunday morning brought the prayers of a handful of folks around the altar whereby one retired lady among the group put her full trust in God and was sanctified wholly. The evening however, brought fewer in attendance (but not much fewer) but the wind of the Spirit blew as Dr. Shaver preached “My Heart, Your Home.” This brought another band of people forward weeping and seeking God for Him to have rule over every area of their spiritual home – even the closets! One lady apologized to the pastor’s wife for being angry with her and upon this she asked for prayer for a physical healing and just moments after the “amen” as she was leaving, the pain in her back was gone!

My son, told me later that night that the Holy Spirit was asking him to surrender 40 minutes a day in prayer and Bible reading! Not bad for a thirteen-year old. Our worship director’s adult daughters were set free in exciting ways that night as well. Chic’s “My Heart, Your Home” has to be the clearest and yet most dynamic message that any church could hear in this day! It’s a “game changer!”

Let me just say that churches don’t need tons of money to have days like we had on May 5th! They don’t need a fancy praise band, flashing lights, and bells and whistles, not even a full-time pastor (I’m a bivocational pastor). What a church needs to have days like we had, is a desperate and intentional season of prayer praying for revival, praying God’s Spirit upon God’s man (like Chic) and an expectation that a covenant God will hear and answer the cries of His people for things that only He can do! And he will do it! I Thess. 5:23-24.

Matt Zimmer

St. Paul’s Church of the Nazarene