

What Promotes Holiness?

1 Peter 1:17-21

“In justification religious works that we do have no significance. Simple faith in Christ is all. In sanctification we act; we fight, watch, pray, strive, and labor!” JC Ryle

“Never let the two words be confused or the distinctions between them be forgotten. They are two separate things; yet whoever has the one must have both.”

Ryle, J.C., *Aspects of Holiness*, Grace Publications Trust. 1999

James 2:26 For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

I. Living with fear

Galatians 5:18-21 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

“The judgment of our Father fills us with fear, but a fear that calls on his name (1:17).”

Edmund P. Clowney, *The Message of 1 Peter: The Way of the Cross*, *The Bible Speaks Today* (Leicester, England; Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1988)

II. Knowing your redemption

III. Understanding your election

Phil. 2:12-13 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, **13** for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.