

5. Read Hebrews 3:13. What aspect of sin is mentioned in this verse?

6. What does Ryle mean when he says, “we must begin low if we would build high”?

Chapter 2 - Sanctification

Words to Know

1. Secession – withdrawing from the membership
2. Arraign – to bring before a court to answer for charges
3. Purgatory – in Roman Catholic doctrine, the place of purifying or “purgation” where souls unperfected in holiness go before entering heaven
4. Congenial – pleasant
5. Flippant – not showing a serious or respectful attitude
6. Formalism – a system of religious practice based on merely external patterns of worship and obedience without consideration of the heart
7. Habitual – done consistently as a habit
8. Precept – a general rule intended to regulate thought or behavior
9. Peevish – easily irritated

Scripture Passage

1 Thessalonians 4:3

Study Questions

1. What three things taught in the Bible are necessary for every man and woman to be saved?

2. What is Ryle’s definition of sanctification (page 20)?

3. Read John 15:5. What does this verse teach about the relationship between union with Christ and sanctification?

4. What are the scriptural means we must use to grow in sanctification (page 26)?
5. What does Ryle say about purgatory in this chapter?
6. Explain what Ryle means when he says that sanctification does not “consist in retirement from our place in life”?
7. What are some of the “passive graces” of Christianity?
8. List the differences between justification and sanctification.

Chapter 3 - Holiness

Words to Know

1. Mortify – to kill
2. Abhor – to regard with disgust and hatred
3. Dross – something regarded as worthless, rubbish

Scripture Passage

Hebrews 12:14

Study Questions

1. What does Ryle mean when he says that holiness is “the habit of being one with the mind of God”?

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Study Questions

1. Can a believer grow in justification?
2. What is the first mark of growth in grace that Ryle lists?
3. What is the third mark of growth in grace that Ryle lists?
4. Read James 1:17. What does this passage teach us about Christian growth?
5. What are the private means of grace?
6. What are the public means of grace?

Chapter 7 - "Assurance"

(Note: the section of quotations from English Divines found towards the end of the chapter may be optionally left out of the reading)

Words to Know

1. Oblation – a sacrifice
2. Controverted – a disputed matter

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7. Read John 6:37. What does Jesus promise here?
8. How does an inconsistency of life affect assurance?
9. What did Christian, in *The Pilgrim's Progress*, lose when he slept in the Arbor?

Chapter 8 - Moses: An Example

Words to Know

1. Forlorn – pitifully sad and abandoned
2. Infidel – a person who does not believe

Scripture Passage

Hebrews 11:24-26

Study Questions

1. What three things did Moses give up and refuse?
2. What three things did Moses choose?
3. What principle moved Moses to do these things?

4. According to Ryle, why are so many people ungodly and worldly (page 185)?

5. What are the two classes of people in the visible church of Christ (page 186)?

6. What is the root of a real Christian's character?

Chapter 9 - Lot: A Beacon

Words to Know

1. Dross – something regarded as worthless, rubbish
2. Trifle – to act carelessly
3. Loiter – to stand or wait idly
4. Illiberal – not broad and open in one's opinions or convictions
5. Indolence – avoidance of exertion; laziness
6. Congenial – pleasant or agreeable

Scripture Passage

Genesis 19:15-22

Study Questions

1. What two-word phrase reveals Lot's character?

2. What was Lot's spiritual condition according to Ryle (page 190)?

3. How does 2 Peter 2:7-8 describe Lot?

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4. What did Lot's wife not have (page 212)?
5. What is the epidemic disease of the present day that Ryle mentions (page 214)?
6. Read Luke 9:62. What does Jesus teach in this passage?
7. What happens to Christianity when the doctrine of eternal hell is denied (page 220)?

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Scripture Passage

Luke 23:39-43

Study Questions

1. What is the main doctrine to be learned from the story of the penitent thief (page 230)?
2. What is the second lesson of this passage (page 233)?
3. What are the three spiritual characteristics of the penitent thief that Ryle observes?

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4. What happens to the believer the moment they die?

Chapter 12 - The Ruler of the Waves

Words to Know

1. Malefactor – an evildoer
2. Profligacy – reckless living

Scripture Passage

Mark 4:37-40

Study Questions

1. Why were the Gospels written?
2. How does God use troubles/trials in our sanctification?
3. What does Jesus' sleeping on the pillow reveal about who He is?
4. What did the Socinians teach?
5. What do the Roman Catholics teach about the virgin Mary and the saints?

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6. What does the fearfulness of the disciples teach us?

7. How did Christ show compassion to the disciples?

Chapter 13 - The Church Which Christ Builds

Words to Know

1. Catholic – universal
2. Calumny – a false statement that defames the name of another

Scripture Passage

Matthew 16:16-19

Study Questions

1. What is the prominent characteristic of those who are part of the one true church?

2. Who is the builder of the church?

3. What is the rock which Jesus spoke of in Matthew 16?

Chapter 14 - Visible Churches Warned

Words to Know

1. Languid – little effort or exertion

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Scripture Passage

Revelation 3:22

Study Questions

1. What sort of things does Jesus NOT mention in the letters to the seven churches?
2. What repeated expression does Jesus use in each of the seven letters (page 291)?
3. Who is a promise made to in each of the seven letters?
4. What is Ryle's last application in this chapter?

Chapter 15 - "Lovest Thou Me?"

Words to Know

1. Galvanize – to coat with a protective layer
2. Spasmodic – done in brief, irregular bursts
3. Abstruse – difficult to understand
4. Impalpable – unable to be felt

Scripture Passage

John 21:15-19

Study Questions

1. How does Ryle define the true Christian (page 302)?

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2. What does Paul say about those who do not love Christ (see 1 Corinthians 16:22)?
3. How many times did Jesus ask Peter “do you love me”?
4. What is the inseparable companion to saving faith (page 305)?
5. What are the marks of love to Christ? Include at least four marks mentioned by Ryle.

Chapter 16 - Without Christ

Words to Know

1. Divine – a theologian

Scripture Passage

Ephesians 2:11-13

Study Questions

1. What does Simon Magus’ baptism tell us about baptism?
2. List some of the eternal consequences of being without Christ?

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Study Questions

1. How does Paul describe himself in this verse?
2. What book, used in the English church, uses humble language throughout?
3. What does Paul say about his ministerial office?
4. What is the first, principal work of pastors?
5. What was the great subject of Paul's preaching?

Chapter 19 - Wants of the Times

Words to Know

1. Mirth – amusement, expressed often with laughter
2. Plenary Inspiration – the full and complete inspiration of the Bible
3. Consort – to agree together
4. Collusion – cooperation
5. Laxity – looseness or laziness
6. Popery – the doctrines, practices, and ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church
7. Vilify – to speak about or write about in an abusive manner
8. Auricular Confession – verbal confession
9. Histrionic – overly theatrical or melodramatic
10. Remonstrate – forcefully protest
11. Nostrum – a medicine considered not effective
12. Perfunctory – carried out with little effort or reflection

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Scripture Passage

1 Chronicles 12:32

Study Questions

1. What tribe is described in the passage Ryle refers to?
2. What is the first thing the times require us to do?
3. What is the second thing the times require us to do?
4. What is the third thing the times require us to do?
5. What is the fourth thing the times require us to do?
6. What is the fifth thing the times require us to do?
7. What did Ryle counsel members of the Church of England to do?

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Answer Key

Author's Preface

1. Union with Christ
2. Conversion
3. 1879

Introduction

1. Scriptural holiness
2. Holiness will do great damage to his kingdom
3. Faith in Christ, Union with Christ
4. Justification does not work, but rests wholly on Christ's work. Sanctification involves personal exertion towards holiness.
5. No
6. The dispute over Romans 7 is whether Paul is describing a regenerate believer in the passage or an unregenerate unbeliever.
7. Believers and unbelievers, wise and foolish, converted and unconverted, children of God and children of the devil

Chapter 1 – Sin

1. Sin is doing, saying, thinking, or imagining anything that is not in perfect conformity with the mind and law of God. Sin is the transgression of the law.
2. "Lord, forgive me all my sins, and specially my sins of omission."
3. From Adam and Eve, our first parents, passed down to all humanity through the generations.
4. Every aspect of human nature, including the understanding, the affections, the conscience, the reasoning powers, and the will.
5. The deceitfulness of sin
6. Ryle means that we must have a right view of sin if we would understand the gospel rightly.

Chapter 2 – Sanctification

1. Justification, regeneration, and sanctification
2. Sanctification is that inward spiritual work which the Lord Jesus Christ works in a man by the Holy Ghost, when he calls him to be a true believer. He not only washes him from his sins in his own blood, but he also separates him from his natural love of sin and the world, puts a new principle in his heart, and makes him practically godly in life.
3. We cannot be sanctified unless we are united to Christ by faith.
4. Bible reading, private prayer, regular attendance at public worship, hearing of God's Word, and partaking of the Lord's Supper
5. Ryle says purgatory is a lying invention of man and nowhere taught in the Bible.
6. Ryle states that we can't leave our responsibilities in life to pursue holiness. We can't escape the world in order to be holy. We carry the corruption of sin within us. Therefore, we must pursue holiness while fulfilling our God-given calling and responsibilities.
7. Submission to God, bearing with and forgiving others, meekness, gentleness
8. (a) Justification is counting a man to be righteous in God's sight. Sanctification is the making a man inwardly righteous

- (b) The righteousness we have in justification is not in our own. In sanctification, the righteousness we have is our own wrought in us by the Holy Spirit
- (c) In justification works have no place at all. In sanctification our own works are very important
- (d) Justification is a completed, finished work. Sanctification is an imperfect work.
- (e) Justification does not have any growth or increase. Sanctification is a progressive work.
- (f) Justification has special reference to our person, our standing in God's sight. Sanctification has special reference to our natures, the moral renewal of our hearts.
- (g) Justification gives us a title to heaven. Sanctification makes us fit for heaven and prepares us to enjoy it.
- (h) Justification is an act of God about us and cannot be seen by others. Sanctification is the work of God within us and can be seen.

Chapter 3 – Holiness

1. Ryle means that we must think as God thinks about sin and righteousness. We must hate what God hates. We must love what God loves.
2. A humble man will esteem others better than himself. He will see more evil in his own heart than in any other heart in the world. He will see himself as "dust and ashes" and as "the chief of sinners."
3. No.
4. Christ came to redeem His people to purify himself a special people, zealous for good works.
5. Heaven does not contain any ungodly people or things. Heaven is a perfectly holy place. No one defiled will enter into heaven.
6. Without holiness, no one will see the Lord. This is a strong warning and exhortation to pursue holiness.
7. Every person must begin with Christ in order to be holy.

Chapter 4 – The Fight

1. The consequences of spiritual warfare are eternal.
2. The world, the flesh, and the devil
3. Baptism becomes a mere form when it is not attended with faith, prayer, or thought.
4. We should have comfort from this sense of conflict and fighting because it means we are engaged in the battle and not ignoring it.
5. Faith
6. (a) It is a good fight because it is fought under the best of generals: Jesus Christ.
(b) It is a good fight because it is fought with the best of helps: the indwelling work of the Holy Spirit.
(c) It is a good fight because it is fought with the best of promises.

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Answer Key

- (d) It is a good fight because it is fought with the best of issues and results.
- (e) It is a good fight because it does good to the soul that fights.
- (f) It is a good fight because it does good to the world.
- (g) It is a good fight because it ends in a glorious reward.
4. They know the right thing to do but they linger where they are. They don't move ahead with haste to obey.
5. He chose to dwell near Sodom.
6. Will it help my immortal soul? Is preaching readily available? Will it prosper my growth in Christ?

Chapter 5 – The Cost

1. We profit by receiving eternal life forever. We lose that which the world offers.
2. The devil and the wicked
3. Hollow, unreal, and unsatisfying
4. Noah had faith and persevered.

Chapter 6 – Growth

1. No
2. Increase in humility
3. Increased holiness of life and conversation
4. The growth must come from God
5. Private prayer, private reading of the Scriptures, private meditation
6. Regular Sunday worship, preaching of the Word, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Chapter 7 – “Assurance”

1. Paul looks downward to the grave
2. Paul looks backward to his ministerial life
3. Paul looks forward to the day of judgment
4. The Church of Rome rejects assurance as a “vain and ungodly confidence”
5. Answers may vary.
6. Yes
7. Anyone who comes to him he will not cast out.
8. Inconsistency of life damages assurance because it takes away our peace of conscience.
9. His “certificate” which was his assurance of salvation

Chapter 8 – Moses: An Example

1. Moses gave up his rank and greatness. He refused pleasure. He refused riches.
2. Moses chose suffering and affliction. He chose the company of despised people. He chose reproach and scorn.
3. Faith
4. They lack faith
5. Those who believe and those who do not
6. Faith

Chapter 9 – Lot: A Beacon

1. “He lingered”
2. Lot was a true believer, a converted person, a real child of God.
3. A just and righteous man

Chapter 10 – A Woman to Be Remembered

1. She was turned into a pillar of salt.
2. Remember
3. Religious privileges and religious knowledge will do us no good if we do not believe. In fact, we will be more accountable on the Day of Judgment. Our hearts may instead be hardened to the truth if they are not made soft by it.
4. Lot's wife did not have grace.
5. Love of the world
6. If you are seeking the kingdom of God, you cannot look back after putting the hand to the plough.
7. Christianity is unsettled, unscrewed, unpinned, and thrown into disorder.

Chapter 11 – Christ's Greatest Trophy

1. Christ's power and willingness to save sinners
2. Some are saved in the very hour of death, but others are not.
3. His faith, his right sense of sin, and his brotherly love
4. The believer goes to be in paradise with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Chapter 12 – The Ruler of the Waves

1. The Gospels were written to make men familiar with Christ.
2. God uses troubles/trials to purify our faith and cleanse away the dross of sin.
3. It reveals that Jesus is truly man
4. The Socinians taught that Jesus Christ was only man, not God.
5. The Roman Catholics teach that the virgin Mary and the saints are more sympathetic to us than Jesus Christ.
6. The disciples are examples of converted men who still struggled with their sins and doubts. We also, though we believe in Christ, still deal with various sins and infirmities.
7. He simply asked them, “why are you afraid, where is your faith?”

Chapter 13 – The Church Which Christ Builds

1. Holiness
2. The Lord Jesus Christ
3. The confession of faith Peter made

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Answer Key

Chapter 14 – Visible Churches Warned

1. Matters of church government, sacraments, or forms of worship
2. “I know thy works”
3. “To the one who overcomes”
4. He warns the reader not to be content with a little religion, but to press on to Christian maturity

Chapter 15 – “Lovest Thou Me?”

1. The true Christian is one whose religion is in his heart and life. The true Christian loves Christ.
2. Anyone who does not love the Lord Jesus Christ is accursed.
3. Three times
4. Love
5. Answers may include any of the following: If we love a person, we will think about him. If we love a person, we will want to hear about him. If we love a person, we will want to read of him. If we love a person, we like to please him. If we love a person, we like his friends. If we love a person, we are jealous for his honor. If we love a person, we like to speak to him. If we love a person, we like to be with him.

Chapter 16 – Without Christ

1. Baptism does not join us to Christ on its own. We must believe in Him.
2. Answers may vary. Answers may include: to be without Christ is to be without God, without peace, without hope, without heaven.

Chapter 17 – Thirst Relieved

1. Answers may vary. Answers may include: The thirst that Jesus describes is a spiritual thirst for forgiveness, absolution, and peace with God.
2. The remedy to our thirst is to come to Jesus.
3. Faith
4. Believers become rivers of living waters to others through their life, their words, and their example.

Chapter 18 – “Unsearchable Riches”

1. He describes himself as the “least of all the saints”.
2. *The Book of Common Prayer*
3. Paul says that he was given the calling to preach the good news (the gospel).
4. Preaching the Word of God
5. The unsearchable riches of Christ

Chapter 19 – Wants of the Times

1. The Tribe of Issachar
2. The times require us to maintain a bold and unflinching maintenance of the entire truth of Christianity and the authority of the Bible.
3. The times require us to have distinct and decided views of

Christian doctrine

4. The times require us to have an awakened and livelier sense of the unscriptural and soul-ruining character of Romanism.
5. The times require us to hold a higher standard of personal holiness and an increased attention to practical religion in daily life.
6. The times require of us more regular and steady perseverance in the old ways of getting good for our souls.
7. Ryle exhorted his readers who were members of the Church of England to continue to stay within the church and labor for reformation.

Chapter 20 – “Christ is All”

1. Jesus used illustrations drawn from nature because he was intimately familiar with them because He created all things.
2. Christ is first revealed in Genesis in the promise of Genesis 3:15.
3. Answers may vary. Check pages 391-393.
4. Christ is the root of holiness