

# 8—Daily Christian Life

“What We Believe”

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“We believe that having been cleansed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ<sup>1</sup> and having received the witness of the Holy Spirit at conversion,<sup>2</sup> it is the will of God that we be sanctified daily<sup>3</sup> and become partakers of His holiness;<sup>4</sup> growing constantly stronger in faith, power, prayer, love and service,<sup>5</sup> first as babies desiring the sincere milk of the Word;<sup>6</sup> then as dear children walking humbly, seeking diligently the hidden life,<sup>7</sup> where self decreases and Christ increases;<sup>8</sup> then as strong men [sic] having on the whole armor of God,<sup>9</sup> marching forth to new conquests in His name beneath His blood-stained banner,<sup>10</sup> ever living a patient, sober, unselfish, godly life that will be a true reflection of the Christ within.”<sup>11</sup>—*Compiled by A. S. McPherson*

1. Hebrews 9:22

*In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.*

2. Ephesians 1:13

*When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit.*

3. 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

*It is God's will that you should be sanctified.*

1 Thessalonians 5:23

*May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

4. Hebrews 12:10

*But God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness.*

2 Corinthians 7:1

*Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.*

5. Peter 3:18  
*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*
6. 1 Peter 2:2  
*Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.*
7. Hebrews 6:1  
*Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity.*
8. John 3:30  
*"He must become greater; I must become less."*
9. Ephesians 6:13  
*Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground.*
10. Romans 8:37  
*No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.*
11. 2 Peter 3:11-12  
*You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.*