

Kingdom Prayers for Sanctification, 4

The infant Christian is far from holy, and sin remains a significant influence in his life. The difference is that the Holy Spirit has made him aware of his sin, and the vileness of it. He realizes that he was dead and is now alive, that he was truly God's enemy, but no longer, and he begins to understand and appreciate the undeserved mercy he was *given!* He now realizes his need to be changed, and he begins to want to know God and obey him.

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? Jeremiah 17:9

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Matthew 5:8

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. Ezekiel 36:26

...throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Ephesians 4:22

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do... Ephesians 2:10

Father God, I am so thankful that you gave me the gift of faith so I could believe in you and receive salvation in Christ. I pray that my gratitude will grow for the rest of my days, until I finally see you as you are! You have made me understand that I was dead in sin and I wanted nothing to do with you. But according to your good pleasure, yet while your enemy, you saved my soul.

Your Word and my sin finally make sense to me, and I want to live a life that will be pleasing to you and that bears good fruit for your glory. I pray that you will give me a true affection for your Word, and that you will compel me live as it commands me. Purify my heart and give me the grace to submit to you fully, and to grow in obedience to you. Teach me to worship, praise and pray as I should, and to share my testimony of faith with those you put in my path. I pray in the name of my Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.