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DR. HAVILY

If sanctification is by growth, then we must have time to grow, which would necessitate a guarantee of life for the period that it takes to grow into the experience. If it takes forty years to grow into the blessing, then we must have a guarantee that we will live forty years after we are converted. Suppose it should take forty years to grow into holiness, and one is converted and lives only thirty years and dies, then he would miss the blessing by ten years. And if holiness is an absolute necessity to get to heaven, or to see God, which the Bible says, then what? He has missed heaven by ten years, has he not? We have heard of and read of people getting converted on their death bed. If it is by growth, what about them? My dear reader, the growth theory is a subtle theory and is void of Scripture, or good reasoning, or human experience to sustain it. We remember an old Methodist minister, once a pastor and then a flaming evangelist in Ohio and through the East, who won for himself quite a reputation. His name was Dr. Havily. After he had been an ordained minister for sixty years and had worn himself out in the work of the Lord, he attended one of my meetings near Lawrence, Texas, and was sanctified by consecration and faith, and testified that he got in one second what he had tried to grow into for sixty years. He died a year after in the fullness of the blessing. Bless God, you can have it when you pay the price and believe. Growth is too slow a process for the Lord to work by. He speaks and things are brought to pass; He is able to sanctify in a lightning flash. The Psalmist says: "Create within me a clean heart." Psa. 51:10.

Source: "Christ In You, The Hope Of Glory" by J. B. McBride

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