

CHAPEL SERVICE MESSAGE

Sanctification: A Covenant Gateway to Glorification

“Our glorification is a function of our sanctification,” University Chaplain, Pastor Charles Ihekwaba, stated on Tuesday, January 05, 2016 in his first Chapel Service message in Omega Semester titled, “Sanctification: A Covenant Gateway to Glorification.” He informed faculty, staff and students that it is their responsibility to live a sanctified life. He admonished that the question of sin must be addressed because, “Where ever sin reigns, shame reigns and honour is not in view” (2 Timothy 2:19-21).

Pastor Ihekwaba emphasized that every believer has capacity to live a holy and perfect life (1Peter1:16). He said though the devil is permitted to tempt us, we are not permitted to fall.

The Chaplain, who shared personal testimonies, said the moment we give our lives to Christ we become heavenly citizens with a heavenly calling (Philippians 3:14). “If we desire to see the strange act of God this season we must live a sanctified life,” he advised.

Pastor Ihekwaba x-rayed sin as being:

1. Pleasurable but for a moment (Hebrews 11:25; 1Corinthians 6:9-11).
2. Deceptive (2 Corinthians 11:14; 1Timothy 2:14; 1 John3:7).
3. Forceful (Proverbs 7:21; Judges 16:16-20).

He also mentioned three ways to overcome sin.

The first is to crave for the endowment of the Spirit of Holiness (Isaiah 59:19; Romans.1:4).

The second is by engaging in continuous fellowship with one another (Hebrews

10:25)

The last is the engagement of the name of Jesus in your battle against sin

(Proverbs 18:10; Songs of Solomon 1:3; Philippians 2:10)

Some of the benefits of a sanctified life according to Pastor Ihekwa include:

1. Access to your inheritance in Christ (Acts 20: 32; Job 1:1-3)
2. It guarantees answers to our prayers (Isaiah 59:2; Psalm 66:18-20)
3. Fresh anointing and power from heaven (Ecclesiastes 9:8; Proverbs 1:23)