

## CHAPEL SERVICE MESSAGE

### **Sanctification: the Gateway to Glorification**

“Sanctification is a continuous race to chase God, a hunger for righteousness,” The University Chaplain, Pastor Charles Ehekwaba, stated on Thursday, January 14, 2016, in his message titled, “Sanctification: the Gateway to Glorification Part 2.” He reminded faculty, staff and students that God is not a wicked God but merciful to forgive when we did wrong. The Chaplain added that glorification demands departing from iniquity and we have the capacity to be perfect as our heavenly Father is (Philippians 3:14, 1 Peter 1:16). “The consequence of sin is death, therefore you need to understand the nature of sin because it has a spiritual root and must be handled spiritually, Ezekiel 18:4”. Pastor Ehekwaba shared with the gathering.

In addition, the University Chaplain highlighted the different natures of sin which include addictive, enticing, tempting with pleasures that are for a short time, (Hebrews 3:13-14, Proverbs 1:10). He also mentioned a number of ways one can overcome temptation. The first of these is to engage in continuous spiritual exercise because spiritual vacuum is a risk and godliness is profitable to all things, (Acts 24:16, I Corinthians 4:7). He urged the congregation to spare time to meditate on the word of God inspite of their busy schedule.

The second way is to keep the right company, (I Corinthians 15:33). According to him, evil communication corrupts good manners (Proverbs 13:30). He advised. “Watch the company you follow. Your journey to sanctification requires disconnections from friends who do not live right,” he advised. The third is to put on the armour of light (Romans 13:13).

Concluding his message, the University Chaplain gave the benefits of living a sanctified life, the first is divine health, (Mark 2:1-12), second is living a life of divine favour ( Psalm 5:12) which he described as the heritage of the sanctified. Lastly, on the benefits of living a sanctified life is having access to divine secrets, (Psalm 25:4). “The secrets of Heaven makes high flyers on earth” he concluded.