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We in Christ = justification; Christ in us = sanctification.
Martin Luther

There is no argument like a holy life.
Robert Murray M'Cheyne

Of all the griefs the church ever feels, the keenest is when those who once stood in her midst dishonor the name of Christ by unholy living.

C. H. Spurgeon

If your religion does not make you holy, it will damn you. It is simply painted pageantry to go to hell in.

C. H. Spurgeon

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