

THE “HOW DO WE GET FROM HERE TO HEAVEN” SERIES

ROMANS 12:1-2

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

WHAT’S SANCTIFICATION ANYWAY ?

*A SERIES ON CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP, HOLINESS
AND SPIRITUAL MATURITY IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER.*

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Romans 12:1-2

I **beseech** (urge, personally challenge, plead) you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, **that you present** your **bodies** a living sacrifice, **holy, acceptable** to God, *which is your reasonable service.* :2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

1 Peter 3:15

...In your hearts (sanctify) **set apart** Christ as Lord. Always be (ready) **prepared** to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

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21st Century Christianity is Impressing No One. Churches Are Bigger than ever, but divorce is rising, false doctrine is increasing and the culture is decaying rapidly... the church has lost its effect, but why ?

There is Little Appetite for Personal, Christian Growth.
It’s time we grow up and move out !!!

Hebrews 6:1-2

Therefore, let us leave off with the discussion of the *elementary principles of Christ*, let us go on to **perfection**, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

“HOW DO WE GET FROM HERE TO HEAVEN” WHAT’S SANCTIFICATION ANYWAY?

1.) What is sanctification?

Sanctification ἁγιασμο/β **hagiasmos**, *hag-ee-as-mos*´; from 37; properly, purification, i.e. (the state) purity; concretely (by Hebraism) a purifier: — holiness, sanctification.

Saint ἅγιος **hagios**, *hag´-ee-os*; from ἅγιος **hagos** (an awful thing) (compare 53, 2282); sacred (physically, pure, morally blameless or religious, ceremonially, consecrated): — (most) holy (one, thing), saint.

1 Corinthians 1:30 NLT

God alone made it possible for you to be in Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made Christ to be wisdom itself. He is the one who made us acceptable to God. He made us pure and **sanctified**, and he gave himself to purchase our freedom.

is sanctification a “status”? – yes but its more than that

is sanctification a “position”? – yes but its more than that

is sanctification an “actual”? – yes but it’s even more than that

sanctification is the “transference” of something/one from one place of existence to a new or another place of existence.

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2.) Why is sanctification important?

It Gets you and I into that place

where we can experience God more and more. It's a "Work of God" where He "Ordains" or "Creates" by Opportunity.

Exodus 13:1-2

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, :2 "Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and beast; **it is Mine.**"

Sanctification is God's idea for His people,
Placing Us in a Good Place or (God-Place)

Exodus 33:19-21

Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." :20 But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live." :21 And the LORD said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock.

LOOKING OR LIVING FROM A NEW VANTAGE POINT

The Daily, Our Eyes and Ears

and feet and hands **are to be more and more sanctified** to the perfect will of God until we someday outgrow our skin !!!

I Doubt If Moses Was Distracted by His Sun Dial

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3.) What does sanctification look like?

That's a Good Question. - - "what does it look like?"

“Change”

It begins very humbly, very normal, change.

“Moses was walking around Mount Sinai Looking at Stuff...”

Ex. 3:3-5

Then Moses said, “I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn.” :4 So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” :5 Then He said, “Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand *is* holy ground.”

??? Holy Ground ???

What made the ground holy ? it was “**Sanctified**” by God !!!

God **said** it was “holy”, that made it **sanctified** – no doubt part of it was that the Lord Himself was There, but His word was enough ! - -
“its holy because I have now declared it holy – its now sanctified to me.

**Sanctify The Dirt Now,
From the Can to the Vase**

Change

**REAL CHANGE, CHANGE YOU CAN BELIEVE IN
THE KIND OF CHANGE THAT MAKES YOU SAY... YES WE CAN !!!**

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, :10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. :11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were **sanctified**, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Hebrews 2:11

For both **He who sanctifies** and **those who are being sanctified** are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,

Have you ever noticed how,
what you're wearing affects you?

a tuxedo affects the way I act / think / speak
my boardshorts affect the way I act / think / speak

Be a Christian - Put On Your Jesus Pants and Walk Like It.

Jude 1

Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, **sanctified by God the Father**, and **preserved in Jesus Christ**:

Hebrews 10:14

For **by one offering** He has **perfected** forever those who **are being sanctified**.

You and I are now arriving from the place of

Real change, newness, positional sanctification and now we
Are living out that truth in this world – we are “In Christ” !!!

1 Peter 1:14-16

Obey God because you are his children. Don't slip back into your old ways of doing evil; you didn't know any better then. **:15** But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God—who chose you to be his children - - is holy. **:16** For he himself has said, “You must be holy because I am holy.”

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4.) Where does sanctification come from?

“Sanctification” Literally Comes From the Lord. (this should not surprise us as does sunshine and air and weather and...)

1 Corinthians 1:2

To the **church** of God which is at **Corinth**, to those who are **sanctified** in Christ Jesus, called *to be saints*, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord...

Jeremiah 1:5

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I **sanctified** you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”

vAddōq qadash, *kaw-dash*’; appoint, consecrate, dedicate, made holy(-er, place),

synonyms for “**sanctification**”
a person who is holy, devoted, separated, dedicated, appointed, specified, prepared **by God unilaterally...**

Galatians 1:15-16

But when it pleased God, who **separated** me from my mother’s womb and **called me** through His grace, **:16** to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles,

2 Corinthians 4:7

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

1 Corinthians 1:27-30

For **God has chosen** the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; **:28** and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, **:29** that no flesh should glory in His presence. **:30** But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—

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5.) How do we live a sanctified life?

you wake up to the reality of
what God has both said and done
!!! wake up !!!

What have you been “sanctified from _____

What have you been “sanctified to _____

Leviticus 11:44

For I *am* the LORD your God. You shall therefore **sanctify** yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I *am* holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth. – ***stay away from creeps !!!***

(1) Because You Are Already Sanctified In **Heart**:

Romans 2:28-29

For he is not a Jew who *is one* outwardly, nor *is* circumcision that which *is* outward in the flesh; :29 but *he is* a Jew who *is one* inwardly; and circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise *is not* from men but from God.

(2) Because You Are Already Sanctified In **Mind**:

Titus 3:4-5

But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, :5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

Because You Are Already Sanctified In **Body**:

John 15:16

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

John 17:17,19

Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. :19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be **sanctified** by the truth.

a sanctified life is a life

that “is moving closer” to the Lord because it is a “sanctified life”

1 Thessalonians 4:3

For this is the will of God, your **sanctification**:

Hebrews 10:14

For by one offering He has perfected forever those who **are being sanctified**.

Hebrews 10:10

By that will we **have been sanctified** through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*.

Watch This.... See That?

My life, right in front of you, I'm being sanctified,

You're being sanctified too, right in front of your boss at work, family, church family...
the more we hang out with the LORD, with others – the faster and deeper the Sanctifying...

Jesus “Sanctified” His disciples in the boat, in the storm.

Jesus “Sanctified” His disciples on the mount of transfiguration

Jesus “Sanctified” His disciples when feeding the thousands.

**Where are you guys right now? – you're here in the sanctuary !!!
Why did you come in here? – to draw closer to the Lord !!!**

That's What Makes This a “Sanctuary”

It's a dedicated, holy, sacred, sanctified place.

Exodus 25:8

And let them **make Me a sanctuary**, that I may dwell among them.

you move toward the Lord and away from the things of this world.

**!!! Start Walking with the Sanctuary, In the Sanctuary,
Because You are the Sanctuary !!!**

Ephesians 2:19-2

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, **:20** having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*, **:21** in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, **:22** in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

John 14:16-17

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever **:17** the Holy Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells **with you** and will be **in you**.

**Walk Like a Sanctuary, Talk Like a Sanctuary,
Think Like a Sanctuary, Speak Like a Sanctuary**

2 Corinthians 6:15-18

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: *"I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people."* **:17** Therefore *"Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you."* **:18** *"I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty."*

**Is that thing going to bring me closer to the Lord
Or is it going to take me away from Him?**

Leviticus 11:44-45

For I *am* the LORD your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I *am* holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth. :45 For I *am* the LORD who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I *am* holy.

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WORSHIP TEAM COME UP
“THE MOMENT OF DECISION IS NOW”

Something Different Tonight

Write this verse down right now...

John 15:3

You are *already clean* because of the word which I have spoken unto you.

Print It **Out** and Put It **Up**

Do not miss next Wednesday night
Communion, Worship and Whatever the Lord Wants to Do !!!

End of Study