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Well, good evening and welcome. On behalf of Pastor J.D. Farag thank you for joining in on the livestream service here this Thursday night where we're normally going through the Bible, the Old Testament, line by line doing our teaching. But tonight, we'll be conducting another topical study. So if you would not mind, join with me in a word of prayer as we take it to the throne. Father in heaven. I want to thank you, Lord, once again for allowing us to assemble in peace under the banner of your name.

And I asked Lord that you would just settle us down, particularly settle me down, so that I can be an instrument used to deliver the message that you've placed on my heart. I pray that you would be with us all, even now. Meet us here in this sanctuary and bless this time that you've given us that we freely give back to you. We love you and we thank you. And we'll look forward to what you are about to do in your house in the mighty name of Yeshua, Jesus, the Christ, we do pray. Amen. So tonight, our study is titled *Got Saved. What's next?*

And it's going to be sort of a continuation from the teaching that we did last Thursday that was titled *Why Salvation? What's Next?* But the focus for tonight will be on our moment of salvation. What happens right then and there? And then we'll move on to answer the question, what's next? And there is a 'what's next', by the way. And it is a very important 'what's next.' For all of us who claim to be Christians and believe in Jesus, we need to clearly understand there is a 'what's next.' It's for our benefit. And even though the details of that 'what's next' is different for each of us, it is one of the most vital processes that we can go through as Christians.

And to be technical, it is not a natural process. It is a supernatural process. That's what we have to understand. And many of us, or at least some did not. I was one of them that did not quite get it. When I came to Jesus Christ and acknowledged my sin, believed in my heart, confessed with my mouth; I looked for what I was supposed to do. What am I supposed to do now? Charged up, ready to tackle the world in ignorance. I was looking in the wrong direction, looking with the wrong message, because I did not have that understanding.

And I was told, like many of you by many different people, of what we're to do next. But I did not get talked to, in a sense, of what that next really was. I was told things like: This is the book in the Bible you need to start with. It's not a bad thing. I just didn't have the why behind it. Told things like: you need to be conducting devotionals, bible study prayer; Get a journal. And all those things were told to strengthen my walk, no question. But I just did not connect the dots because I did not have that understanding. And for like some, that's all they need.

To hear that, they go off, and bang. They're running. Others need even less. But not this guy. I needed a better understanding of what just happened, as well as what's next. So with the Lord's permission, I want to dive into why it is important to know what happens once we are converted. Followed by that lifelong process of sanctification, the importance of it, and then based on the scriptures, explain why the sanctification process truly means so much. There's so much at stake, but too often too many of us overlook it. And this is all in the hopes that we can take this information, continue moving forward by the grace of God, and not take his grace for granted.

That's what it all boils down to. OK, now that we are saved, what has actually just occurred? What happened? And that's what we're going to tackle. And the answer, of course, is found in the scriptures. With this particular verse coming from the book of 2 Corinthians, in chapter 5 and verse 17. As the word of God reads. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things

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have passed away; behold, all things have become new." Now, listen to me. We are going to get very technical. We're going to get technical and I believe we have to in order to dissect this properly. Rightly divide the word of truth, and we're going to dive in it, so bear with me.

Now with this verse, I, I had a problem with this, I struggled with this, I couldn't grasp this. And because of that, my walk was stifled because I did not understand it. My progression was stalled. And what I'm talking about is this portion of the verse. He is a new creation. So everyone who was in Christ Jesus is a new creation according to the Scriptures. And my problem is not that I did not believe it. I just didn't feel it or really see it. So I had questions. I mean, after all, I'm a new creation. I don't feel that new.

Maybe I'm the only one. So I ask what's new, what is new about me? And then if we keep reading, we get that answer as well, because the Bible says that "all things have become new," all things. And now I'm feeling some type of way. All things? I don't seem that new at all. Now I know something has changed, but I could not quite put my finger on what that was. But I also recognized there are things that did not. So what's this all things? My appearance hasn't changed. And most, if not all of my ailments are still with me, still broke up. So if this is being made new, according to the Bible, we have a difference of opinions here.

That's how I was feeling. Or perhaps this, other people, the more spiritual people, are made completely new. But for me, I didn't meet the wicked because I was wicked, probably too wicked. That's why I'm not all new. It just happens to some of us. Or maybe I just don't understand the scriptures. And I'm sorry if I'm the only one that struggled with this, but for me, again, not understanding what just happened at the point of my salvation had me sitting still. After that initial boost, everything came to a grinding halt. Now I understood what being saved was, for life eternal because of sin. I got that much. But I didn't fully understand what just happened, nor what was supposed to happen next.

So now, what I want to do is attempt to answer what just happened. What happened at my conversion, specifically. That's what I need to know, because my brain works in specifics, and I have to know that. I'm not as wise as other people. So please teach me so I can be a better steward of God's Word. We'll get technical, like I said. So bear with me. We'll have to reflect back on what we talked about last week regarding the spirit, soul and the body.

At the point of our salvation, we all agree that the body did not change into a glorified body. We agree, Right? If anyone has a glorified body, stand up. So we agree at the point of salvation our bodies did not change, nor was the body made new. Still sinful. And we can also agree that we acknowledge sin, and we still sin. Don't we? This clearly indicates and shows that our conscious and emotional state inside of our soul has not been completely transformed. It is not completely made new. You would agree? But the spirit within us has been completely transformed because it is the Holy Spirit of God. And we know this based on the scriptures. God is spirit. This is a fact.

So now, once we believe that spirit's made new; when God looks down, He sees Himself based on that spirit. Made new. No question, this has been completely transformed, the spirit. And we as individuals, are also able to recognize this newness or the Holy Spirit within us, based on the scriptures. When we read the word of God, we see, we can tell because we see the holiness of God and the depravity of us. And now we're understanding it. That's the spirit of God providing us with that understanding. Now, for me, I was looking for something else. I was looking for more of an

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experience. Because I did not know this. Now, that's not to say that at salvation, God did not remove a thorn out of my side or change things around me, only that He could do. That's not saying that.

He did those things. But my desire was something more that I could feel, when it should have been a desire for someone more that I should know. That was the problem. And this is when the real battle begins with the flesh. And when we talk about the flesh, for the most part, we're talking about our senses, our physical senses. And I believe we can all agree that the main senses that most of us have is our vision, our hearing, our ability to smell, taste, touch. This is what we have, the physical realm that we all have to deal with.

And even though all these physical properties are stemmed from the mind, they are not controlled by the spirit. We're being technical. And I say that because the spirit and the flesh are not tethered like the soul and the spirit. There's a difference. That's why the spirit and the flesh war against one another. They're incompatible in this state. The flesh is not in alignment with the spirit of God because in our flesh toils no good thing. It's not attached to God's spirit. And absent the spirit of God, most of us tend to believe most of what we see.

Absent that spirit of God, we believe nearly all that we hear. And everything that we taste and touch, whatever makes it feel good, we love, even if it's wrong. That's the flesh. And those impulses combined with bad data; then what happens is the actions occur, and you can see the evil man come out, the sinful man. And that's a problem. That's because the flesh rails against the Holy Spirit of God. And when we become saved, many of us feel this battle instantly. Suddenly all these dark forces and entities oppress us. And we're expecting, like I was, something else. And now I'm in a fight for my life.

Why are all these things start happening? What's going on with me? Am I truly saved? I wasn't ready for the combat. That's why many conversions start off so rocky; people backslide immediately. It happens. We see it, maybe not to all, but at least for some. And we stumble over and over again. But please take heart. In the Book of Proverbs, Chapter 24. This is the proverb of today, by the way. It's the 24th, isn't it? Verse 16, the word of God reads, "For a righteous man may fall seven times and rise again. But the wicked shall fall by calamity." And of the many things that this speaks to, one of them is the fact how it pertains to evil, not having its way over the righteous. And we're all made righteous in Christ Jesus. That's what's seen.

Now, if I could attempt to recap and put our conversion make up altogether, I'm going to go back to that computer theme that we looked at last week. And I believe that it looks something like this. Even though God gives us the spirit of life, meaning that power source to live, the spirit, that software within man is completely corrupted. And because of this, we have corrupted data entering into the soul of man, as well as, again, the flesh of man feeding the soul. And the outcome is the soul tells the flesh to respond based on those inputs, and again, those actions are executed.

This is sinful, man. But when we are born again, this changes. The spirit has changed. And because of this new software that is instantly being installed, instantly, and it can never be removed. It's there, period. And that's because it's the Holy Spirit. And here's the part: Updates are constantly ready to be pushed to the microchips of our soul at the ready. We have to do something, though. We can receive all this incorruptible data, but we have to request it and accept it. That's what we must do. And when we do so, something different happens. But the problem is that we don't do so.

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That's the issue as born again believers. But if we did, what would happen is that this new incorruptible data will be accepted by the microchips of our souls and we can override what happens in the body. That's how we ought to be. If we don't do this, the body will always default to the flesh because that's its normal operating procedure. If it overrides, we are now walking in the spirit. That's the difference. This is what happens at conversion, and this is why we struggle. And this is one of the reasons we have captured in the book of Galatians, in chapter 5 in verse 17, the following as the word of God reads.

"For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish." Knowing this, the scriptures begin to come alive to me. Now, it makes sense, at least for me. Perhaps you all got it. I didn't. Think about this: We always wish that we had done the things that we wished, after we done the things that are wrong. You feeling me? To me, this is why it's so important to have our souls postured to request that incorruptible data. And we could do it all the time. And that data rep is represented by the word of God.

This is why, when we're told at the conversion, get into the word, this is why. You're going to have struggles. It's going to be a fight for your life. And the only way to override it, is by God's Word. It's also why we are to encourage others about this and the process that we all face and as being sanctified, and it is a process. Sanctification is the bulk answer of the 'what's next.' That's the process. We ought to become sanctified. We are to sanctify ourselves by the power of the Holy Spirit. He who is within us. And this is more than just reading the Word. It's about seeking out the Lord of the Word. That's a critical difference.

We should want to know who saved us. That should be the question. You know what's amazing to me, sometimes on the news, you hear about a tragic event that is happening or happened. And a fire in a building or whatever. And then this courageous fireman goes in and risks his life and pulls out an unconscious victim, and they come to. And days later, like, I just want to meet the person who pulled me out of the flames and saved me. And yet the savior of the world who saved all of us, who believe, we don't want to meet Him.

We don't want to know who He is. And again, I'm not saying that other recommendations concerning what's next are bad news. I'm just saying that following and finding out who Jesus is keeps us from falling off the rails. And that's who we should be seeking, because knowing my Lord and knowing that the volume of the book is written of Him, encourages me each time I read the scriptures to look for Him in every book. It changed the aspect of why I'm reading and why I'm studying. That's why it's so important.

Jesus is the ultimate teacher. It's His word. And in order for any of us to begin that lifelong soul transformation of dying to self; I must, we all must, read, hear, heed and believe His word. And then as our soul begins to align itself with the spirit of God again, that equates for us to be walking in the Holy Spirit. All of that was the explanation that I was missing. I may not have needed all of it, but at least some; nor that I searched for it either, to be fair. But I'm glad I know it now. I wanted that instant experience, but it was not the case for me. Some have it. I didn't. But now I can see things from a different perspective. I can see with spiritual eyes, fights the flesh.

Now, as we quickly circle back to 2 Corinthians chapter 5 and verse 17, I do also believe that the true and living God sees each of us as complete and total new creations in every respect. Period.

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And the reason why I can say this is because God knows the end from the beginning. We can all rest assured that in the end, our end state will be complete. Our eternal makeup will all be brand new. Our spirit, soul and body will all be in complete agreement, just like the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Complete agreement for eternity. This will happen, but until that day, welcome to the long process of sanctification. We got to be sanctified, and this sanctification process replaces that life long living to die.

And now we begin to die in order to live, and thus die to self. Several months ago, we had a Bible study talking about sanctification. And in the Bible study, I pulled out a couple of points about being sanctified. And I want to pull out a couple of those today as well, modified a bit, but we need to bring the point home about being sanctified. First, we define what sanctified means, as in the Hebrew. Many of you already know that the word sanctified means to be holy or removed from common use. To be set apart. This is what sanctified is according to the scriptures. And we are all set apart, the moment that we believe in Jesus, we are set apart. But being sanctified is a continual process. This is the disconnect that many people have. And it's during this process that the world will be able to see Jesus in us.

Again, our souls are being reprogramed to live lives according to the scriptures. This is what's supposed to happen. And again, according to the word sanctified, as it appears in the Bible, it first appears in Genesis, chapter 2, in verse 3, when God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it as a day of rest. Remember that? And that seventh day would become the Sabbath. This day would be set apart even before the law was established. Now you think about that and those implications. We have this day set apart before the law even came into existence. It was and still is a holy day, very distinguished from all the rest. That's significant. Just keep that in your brain for a bit. It makes a world of difference when we dig into it just a little. And you think about that, before the law.

However, in the book of Mark and chapter 2 in verse 27, we find out why it was created in the first place. As the word of God reads. "And He, [speaking of Jesus] said to them, the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath." We read this a lot But not always in the context that I'm speaking about; because we have this day set apart that was established for the set apart creation, man. We were created, sanctified by God because we were created in the image of God. That's how important sanctification is. And it gets deeper.

I'm going to attempt to explain and amplify how God makes being sanctified one of the most amazing and important things that we're to recognize and be a part of as Christians. I said the words sanctified as first captured in the book of Genesis Chapter 2. Here is the significant reason. When we walked through the creation account, and please follow me. This is what we find at the conclusion of each day. In Genesis Chapter 1, at the end of verse 5, we are told that the evening and the morning were the first day. So day one is complete. And then at the end of verse 8, we are told that the evening and the morning were the second day. So day two is now complete. And then we're told at the end of verse 13, that evening and the morning were the third day.

So now day three is complete. And then at the end of verse 19, we are told that the evening and the morning were the fourth day. So day four is now complete. And then at the end of verse 23, we are told that evening and morning were the fifth day. So day five is now complete. And then at the end of verse 31, we are told that evening and the morning were the sixth day. So we have day six being completed. And then in verse 3 of Genesis chapter 2, God ends the seventh day of creation with these words, "then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from

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all His work which God had created and made." Take notice. There is no mention of evening and morning were the seventh day. It's not in the scriptures. And it's for a reason, because captured in this verse is a serious message for God's people.

What it speaks to is all who believe will soon be eternally sanctified and take part in a never ending state of divine rest. In other words, with the Lord, day seven is sort of an open completion. It's for eternity pertaining to being eternally sanctified in His never ending rest. And God, in His wisdom, is placing emphasis on being sanctified. This is serious for us. For it is written, "Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest. Lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience." The sanctification process that we go through, if we allow it to occur in our bodies, is proof of our salvation. It is the witness. It's very important.

Because if we choose not to allow the sanctification process to take place, the implications we will see directly. Being sanctified is a form of dedicating ourselves to the Lord. We do not dedicate ourselves to pastors, assistant pastors, church buildings, ministries, anything that is geared toward being a Christian. We don't dedicate ourselves to that. We dedicate ourselves or we are to be sanctified unto the Lord, and from him everything else will follow. That's what we are to do. It is through Christ Jesus that enables the spirit of God through his Word, to reach the very conscious of man that begins this gracious sanctification process. And it's often very painful.

Sometimes we have a lot of things we need to get rid of, and God works those out as we allow. We have to go through a lot in many cases, and that's going to continue to happen. And we want it to happen because we want to be found faithful, allowing this process to happen and not just found when Christ comes back for his church. Believe it or not, we can be found by the Lord to be unfaithful as worldly Christians. We can. We can be worldly and saved. People have a problem with that. But the fact is that is what the scriptures speak to, and this is a very sad state to be in. It really is. A lot of unnecessary pain comes from this.

Most of us have scars based on it. Some of us are still going through it. And when we do this, because we know the truth, we know who God is; Oh, man, those scars are intensified, that pain is intensified, because the truth is within us and we're grieving the spirit. That's what that means. So many Christians dismiss this biblical fact regarding being a carnal Christian. You can be a carnal Christian. Now we can all be carnal, but these are those who basically nearly resist every aspect of the Holy Spirit. And that's a problem. And all those levels and degrees of what that looks like is beyond the scope of this teaching.

My point is specifically regarding worldly Christians, is that it would appear that being sanctified unto the Lord is either not clearly understood or not of a concern. But it should be. It really should be. Let me be clear, losing salvation is not the issue. That's not the issue. But we have professing Christians that are living so worldly, you can't even tell if they are Christians. And truthfully, many of them may not be. We can assume, and we can also judge righteously. We can test their fruits, remind them, speak to them, rebuke them. If they hold in that name, all that play is in effect.

But at the end of the day, God knows who is who. That's what we do not do. I'm not going to say you're not saved, but I can definitely say you're not acting like it. It may be a moment in time for you. However, that's not being a good witness and that's not being a faithful servant. But please know, Christians, we will all be judged for our actions, and or lack thereof, as saved Christians. Here comes the gasp- Oh! What? This is what the word of God speaks to. We have gone over this before.

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However, it appears that many do not get it. In the book of 2 Corinthians, in chapter 5 and verse 10, the word of God reads, the Apostle Paul writing by the Holy Spirit, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done.

Whether good or bad." He could not be any clearer in this verse. And when he says that we must all appear, that's exactly what he's talking about. He put him in there. He's included. We must all appear. And again, as the gasp go in and the comments start clicking- [click, click, click] already before we end. Some cut off the Youtube, oh, man, here we go again. Click. Go ahead. It's not going to change the fact that you and I will be judged by Jesus Christ. But it's a different type of judgment, but a judgment nonetheless.

People like to ask, why am I judged? I am saved by grace, through faith. And guess what, you are. We are all saved by grace, through faith, and we're going to be judged by that same faith that we claim to have. Do you think about that? If we have so much faith why don't we follow Him? Again, I think we look at this from the wrong vantage point regarding being judged by Jesus the Christ, because this is not a judgment to condemn us. It's to test those works that we've done in our lives. That's what it's for. And it's an important part of what happens next.

Because as we're judged by Jesus, it ultimately is for positional authority in the millennial kingdom. This is how we're positioned, based on that judgment. And this is a major part of what's at stake when it comes to being sanctified. And now here's another area where many people gasp- the millennial kingdom. Many people do not believe that Jesus is actually coming back here to rule and reign for 1000 years on this earth. People take issue with that. Christians. What? He's just coming back to get me and take me to heaven.

You have not read the scriptures, at least not well enough to understand there's a process before that happens. And there will be 1000 years of a Christ reign on this earth. If you believe what was captured in the Book of Revelation, chapter 20 in verse 4, is just an allegorized message, I submit to you on the authority of God's Word that you're wrong, you're wrong. The Word of God reads. "And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands.

And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years." And this is supposed to be allegorized. It's happened already. It's happening now, and all the other things people say about this verse. It's coming! And where we are in this kingdom is based on our sanctification. That is a fact. Our motivation cannot be hell. Hell's behind us. If there's anything that's going to motivate us, we have eternal life, great. Yes, but there's a millennial kingdom that's coming. And please know, not only those who are killed for Christ will rule and reign with him, but also those who have lived for Christ will be ruling and reigning with him as well. And this will happen, just like it is written in the scriptures, and the scriptures cannot be broken.

This is how we are positioned based on our sanctification. And this is where the understanding of faith plus works comes in. Knowing this, I get it now, at least I should have a hint of the reason why this combines. There's no contradiction. Just conviction to be a doer of the word and not a hearer only. This is what it speaks to. It's for our benefit. And check the scriptures, he's speaking to

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Christians. James talks about this chapter 1 in verse 22. Now, to be fair, when I came to the Lord, I did not recognize there was going to be a thousand year millennial reign rule by Jesus Christ. I did not know that. In fact, I did not even hear pastors teach or preach on it. But when I did find out, oh boy, things changed for me. It did change my... I said, oh, things start making more sense.

In fact, the scriptures opened up wide when I realized that this is a rule that's coming. In fact, when you go to the scriptures in the parables, they start making sense, you know. Oh, yeah, I see. Now, that makes sense. And if I had to pick one to be an example, it would be the parable of the talents. And we don't have time to go through the parable in detail, but please know, again, these parables are for our learning and they need to be taken seriously, just like all the scriptures. But please take notice how this parable, like with many of them, would begin.

Captured here in the book of Matthew in chapter 25 in verse 14 as the word of God reads. "For the kingdom of Heaven is like..." This is how it begins. It could be translated for the kingdom of heaven, for the kingdom from heaven is like. But it does not matter which way you translate it. Think about these words. The kingdom of heaven is like, so that everything follows after this is given an example of what the kingdom of heaven is like. It is made up of this. This principle that follows is the kingdom of heaven. And when you have the understanding that there will be a rule and reign by Christ on this earth and we, we will rule and reign with him with positions of authority, and it's gaged by what we do in the body, these parables begin to make sense.

Sure, we can have a surface view of it, that makes sense in aligns itself with a way to live. But the deeper meaning to me is understood when we understood what signification is for. But please hear the words of Jesus when it comes to the one, one of these faithful servants captured here in verse 20 and 21 as a word of God reads. "So he who had received five talents [received.] Five talents came and brought five other talents saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them. [in verse 21] His Lord said to him, Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things. I will make you rule over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'" This is what's at stake. And this is only one aspect of what the kingdom of heaven is like. And this is a ruled kingdom, with positions that will be occupied. And you recall what's been called the Lord's Prayer that speaks these words- "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven".

Now, many says that's just the model prayer. I don't take it as just that. I think it is prophetic, because the question is, is the kingdom coming? Yes or no? Yes, the kingdom is coming. Where is the kingdom coming to? Earth. And whose will will be done? God's. And no earthly position, including pastors or assistant pastors, choir director or anybody else, for that matter, has any type of advantage over anyone. Wherever your lot is in life and what you've done with that, allowing the sanctification to take place in you, God's going to judge it. And He's going to judge it righteously. The question is, are we investing in what was given to us? Those talents so we can be found faithful, or have we just invested in ourselves? I'm saved. I'm good.

Now, you think about that. If that's our mindset, we should take a look at this parable in detail, along with many others. A thousand years is a long time to have regret. And in the millennial kingdom, there will be emotional regret. It is only after that when all things are made new. Do we think that the true and living God does not know what information we have at our disposal? I have to play this game often, standing before the Lord, especially when that thought comes in to mind, that act wants to follow, and I'm like, really? I know what I'm doing. I know exactly what I'm doing.

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And if I know what I'm doing, God knows what I'm doing. Well, I'm trying to fool the Lord. And this is where it comes when we deceive ourselves. Everybody in here and everywhere else can be fooled. The Lord cannot be fooled. So as we bring this study to a close, I want to once again stress that our salvation is not at stake. If you are saved, you are saved. But salvation is not the same as sanctification. They are different. And sanctification is that lifelong process to become more Christ like.

And it has a purpose not just to look good and just to be a witness. No, no, no. There's something that's happening after, and that's the reason why we are judged by Christ, for the works that we have done in the body. And don't think that this is some type of, oh, I need to do that... It can only be done by God. So if you're going to take away from this, is tomorrow I'm going to sign up for all these things, that's you. Good luck. God knows. That's not what this is. It is the allowance of that spirit to work in you and then God lines it all up.

Now I want to end with the ABC's and continue with them as an involved sanctification. I want to continue the, the way it's supposed to move forward in our lives, if you will. And I want to do this by illustrating it by using a musical scale. It helps me to better understand this. I'm a very visual guy if you didn't know. Anyway, now most of us agree that there are seven notes that complete the musical scale. Right? So what we have here outlined in red are the notes A, B and C. And for the purpose of salvation, here, my words clearly, for the purpose of salvation, these notes are only played once. Are you following me? For the purpose of salvation, ABC are played once. And again, that's acknowledging sin, believing in the gospel of Jesus Christ and confessing with your mouth that he is Lord. Once. It's a single play when it comes to salvation.

And then we have the musical notes, D,E,F and G. And these notes are repeated through the course of our Christian walk. And they represent the sanctification process that we should be going through each and every day. And it starts with a D that stands for Discipleship. We got saved. Now we are to follow Jesus. This is what we're to do. And that following comes by hearing and heeding His Word.

And then we have the note E, which stands for Evangelize as we learn God's word, no matter how small we are to speak it. We can't sit here and say, I need to wait until I'm... and you fill in the blank. Spurgeon once said something to the effect of, if you're waiting to be ready to be a witness, you are a useless Christian. Let's lean on the spirit, not our own understanding. And we also have to Evangelize, by the way, that we live. Again, the world should be able to see the difference in us as we're being transformed, sanctified.

And then we have the musical note F, and that stands for Faithful. We have to stand on the truth of God's word no matter what's happening in society. We do not cave in to societal norms that go against the will of the true and living God. We remain Faithful in the truth. Faithful until the end. We're not to waver at all.

Lastly, we have the musical note G, that's captured in the book, 2 Peter, chapter 3 and verse 18 as the word of God reads. "but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and forever. Amen".

This is the 'what's next'. Prayerfully, we can all take this and have the spirit work in us a work to be able to express it to others who are in need of it and or thereby grow from it, however, the Lord sees fit. It's all, it's so important not just to know, not just to act out, but allow the spirit to give you the power to do what we ought to be doing in the name of the true and living God.

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Why don't we stand up so we can pray. Loving Heavenly Father, I pray that you would just take your message, change it in the way it needs to be changed for those who are listening to penetrate their hearts, and may we all glean from it. And don't stop here with it, but continue the process of digesting what you have spoken. May we continue to die to self and live more for you. Lord, may you continue to sanctify us with your truth. And we just continue to be absorbent and obedient to it, and live by it for the rest of our lives until you come and take us home and bring us back with you to rule and reign. And Lord, may we be doers of your word and the mighty name of Jesus the Christ, we all pray. Amen.