



PURSUIT 24

In Pursuit of Holiness

Php 3:12-14 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. (13) Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, (14) I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

In Review

- What does sit mean to Pursue?
- God's Pursuit of Man.
- Man's Pursuit of Sin.
- In Pursuit of Christ as a Person and an Ideal.
- In Pursuit of Endurance
- In Pursuit of Holiness

Today



Quick recap of last week before

Born Again- 1 Jn 5:1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

Reconciliation- Rom 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Justification- 1 Co 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Adoption- Rom 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Sanctification- Heb 10:10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.





In Pursuit of Holiness Part 2 Sanctification

What exactly is Holiness?

Heb 12:14 Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Holiness: ἁγιασμός *hagiasmos hag-ee-as-mos'* State of Purity. In this verse.

Thayer's- Consecration (act of making something sacred) or the effect of consecration. Sanctification (like sacred meaning set apart) of the Heart and life.

1Th 3:13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

Both a state and a pursuit? Sanctified and being Sanctified.

Positional Sanctification

Represents what has happened, the Past.

Passive Role

Act 13:39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Heb 10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that **are** sanctified.

Positionally we are set apart, made holy, sanctified in Jesus

1Co 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:





Progressive Sanctification

Moving on to the here and now, the Present, the active role.

1Pe 1:15-16 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; (16) Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

Rom 6:13 Neither yield ye your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness unto God.

How might one live out this sanctification as an active pursuit?

Living out Sanctification

To build from a framework laid out by David Powlison in his book *How Does Sanctification work...*

1. **God** (It is He that has done the work in you for salvation, how does that reality motivate your choices?)
2. **Truth** (God's Word taught, sung, preached, studied, and read)
3. **Wise People** (Are you actively seeking discipleship? Are you actively seeking to disciple?)
4. **Suffering and Struggle** (Having a right understanding of these will bring you to further sanctification.)
5. **Change** (Believe, obey, trust, seek, love, confess, praise, and take refuge. All active endeavors we must pursue, to pursue these we must by necessity change.)



Finally, Glorification

Looking to the future, eternity.

1Jn 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

Php 3:21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

Final step of bringing us into reconciliation with God.

Necessary, in that the flesh cannot be in the presence of God.





*From
Creation*



*Man has
Pursued
Death*



*But God
sought to
Redeem*



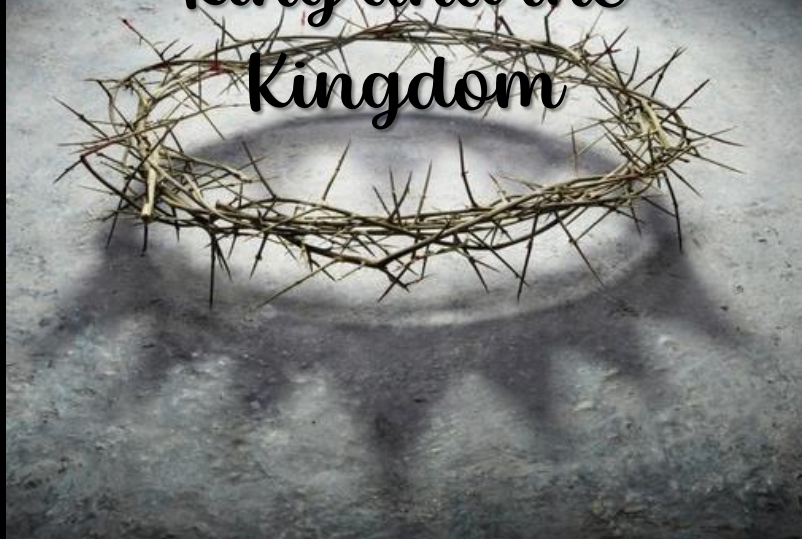
*So that man
might choose
Life.*



Repent and Believe



King and the
Kingdom



Pursue Him, as an
Ideal



Pursue Him, as a
Person









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