

## “Direction, Not Perfection”

Philippians 3:8–12

### Some common misunderstandings about the Holy Spirit:

1. Confusing \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_
2. Confusing Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ with Spirit \_\_\_\_\_
3. Confusing spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ with spiritual \_\_\_\_\_
4. Confusing spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ with spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 12:31; 11:17; Psalms 42:5)

### The three stages of your salvation:

- Justification — being \_\_\_\_\_ righteous (Rom. 5:1)  
Saved from the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin
- Sanctification — becoming \_\_\_\_\_ righteous (1 Thess. 4:3; 2 Cor. 3:17,18)  
Being saved from the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin in your life
- Glorification — being \_\_\_\_\_ completely righteous (1 John 3:2; Phil. 3:12)  
Saved from the very \_\_\_\_\_ of sin in your life

## Discussion Questions

1. How far in advance do you plan your life? How far in advance do you think people should plan out their lives? What difference do you think it will make in your life if you don't plan out where you want your life to go?
2. How are you doing? How do you know? What do you use to gauge how you are doing? What do you think most (many) people use to gauge how they are doing? What gauge do you think God uses?
3. The story of one person who had a huge change in direction in life is highlighted in the book of Acts. Read Acts 22:3–8 and then Acts 21:10–14. Whose life radically changed direction, what caused the change, and what were the results? Do you think that this type of change in a person's life is common? Has there been such a radical change in your life or in the life of someone close to you? If so, what was the cause and what were the results?
4. What are some ways people (either Christian or non-Christian) put the unobtainable standard of “being perfect” on Christians? How have you put this unobtainable standard on yourself and/or on others? What has been the result? What would be a better standard to strive for?
5. What discourages you the most in life? What DO you do when you feel discouraged? What SHOULD you do when you feel discouraged? Read the following Scriptures that give some helpful ways to handle discouragement: Isa. 41:10; Mt. 21:18; Phil. 4:8; Psalm 42:1.
6. Explain the three stages of your salvation. How has (or, can) understanding this truth helped you personally?
7. Of the four misunderstandings about the Holy Spirit covered in the sermons, which one impacted you the most and why?



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