

Lesson 2: The Process of Change

Introduction

****Important Assumption**** – from this point on we are talking about a genuine Christian

I. Your Position in Christ: _____

A. Before salvation we were totally _____

1. Dead (Eph 2:1-2)
2. Disobedient (Eph 2:2)
3. Doomed (Eph 2:3)

B. Upon conversion we are totally _____

1. Sanctification: an overview

Simply put, the Greek word, *hagiazō*, means "to be set apart" for God's own use. Sanctification is a _____ that allows for the _____ whereby we, as believers, are becoming more like Christ.

There are two aspects of sanctification in this life, _____ and _____, each with its own significance.

2. Aspects of positional sanctification

- a. Heb 10:10 – God set us apart, positionally, once and for all

hagiozo (perfect tense) this is the accomplished work of God, which happened via the shed blood on the cross to us at the point of salvation.

- b. John 3:3-8 – God caused us to be born again, _____ speaking

- c. Col 2:13 – God has made us _____

- d. 2 Cor 5:17 – God has made us a new _____

3. The result and implications of positional sanctification

- a. Eph 1:3-8 – We are _____ and blessed with every spiritual blessing

- b. Eph 1:5 – We have been adopted into His family as sons

- c. Eph 2:4, 5 – We are alive to _____ things

- d. 1 John 5:3-4 – We have become victors over the world

- e. 1 Cor 10:13 – We have the ability to overcome any _____

- f. Rom 6:4-22 – Our sin nature is no longer in charge!

- g. 1 John 5:18; 4:4 – We are _____ from Satan – He can't harm us

- h. Gal 5:22-23 and Matt 7:15-20 – We will bear fruit

- i. Eph 1:11 – We have definite _____ that the best is yet to come

- j. 1 John 3:9 – Therefore, we can't go on _____ as if it doesn't matter

II. Your Progress in Christ: _____

Heb 10:14; *hagiazo* (present tense) this is a continuous and repeated action. It is a state of being sanctified by the Spirit in cooperation with our faith.

Summary statement: _____ sanctified _____ and the results are _____.

A. God's part in _____ sanctification

1. He is _____ (Eph 3:20)
2. He is _____ (2 Cor 4:16-18; Gal 5:22-23; Phil 1:6; 2:13; 3:14; 4:13; 2 Thess 2:13; Heb 2:11)
3. He wants to, and He will, conform us to the image of Christ (Rom 8:28-29; Col 1:21-22)
4. He will _____ our minds (Rom 12:1-2; 2 Cor 3:18)
5. He will bring peace and _____ to the believer (Phil 4:9-11)

B. Our part in progressive sanctification

1. We must present ourselves to God as a _____ to our master (Rom 6:17-19; 12:1-2; 2 Pet 1:3-10)
2. We must _____ the sin (since that is the problem) out of our life by putting on Jesus Christ, making no provision for the flesh (Rom 13:14; 2 Cor 7:1)
3. We must decide who our Lord will be, God or _____ (Rom 10:9-12)
4. We must continue in the faith, _____ (Phil 3:12-14)
5. We must _____ our righteousness (Phil 2:12-13)
6. We must put our hope in _____ (Ps 42:11)

BECAUSE OF THE POSITION

THAT ALLOWS FOR THE PROCESS

THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE