

Main Service



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1 Thessalonians 4:3

³For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality;



MARRIAGE

for the GLORY OF GOD



Proverbs 27:17

¹⁷Iron sharpens iron,
So one man sharpens another.

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Marriage and the Gift of Sanctification - Selected Scriptures

We have studied two categories of gospel transformation:

Category 1: The Gospel Transforms You

Category 2: The Gospel Transforms Marriage

Truth 1: The Gospel Transforms Wives (22-24)

Truth 2: The Gospel Transforms Husbands (25-30)

Truth 3: The Gospel is Illustrated by Marriage (31-34)

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1. The Call to Sanctification

To Sanctify: “to purify and make holy” (Cairns)

Westminster Shorter Catechism - “Sanctification is the work of God’s free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.”

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

²³Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

Philippians 2:12-13

¹²So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

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Truth 1: Sanctification Demands Your Maximum Effort (12)

1 Thessalonians 4:1

¹Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us instruction as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you excel still more.

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John MacArthur - "Paul is not speaking of attaining salvation by human effort or goodness, but of living out the inner transformation that God has graciously granted."

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1 Peter 1:13-16

¹³Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, ¹

1 Peter 1:13-16

⁵but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; ¹⁶because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

Romans 12:1-2

¹Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. ²And do not be conformed to this world,

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but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,
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BDAG - To put one's capabilities into operation, work, be at work, be active, operate, be effective

Ephesians 2:8-10

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

John 15:4-5

⁴Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

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Calvin - There are, in any action, two principal departments—the inclination, and the power to carry it into effect. Both of these he ascribes wholly to God; what more remains to us as a ground of glorying?

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2. The Process of Sanctification

Ephesians 4:20-24

²⁰But you did not learn Christ in this way, ²¹if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, ²²that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,

Ephesians 4:20-24

²³and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

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John 17:17

¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

¹⁶All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

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Four things that God does through His Word for the believer:

1. Teaches truth
2. Convicts of sin
3. Corrects error
4. Trains in righteousness

Ephesians 6:17

¹⁷And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

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Conclusion:

1. Commit to Give Your Maximum Effort
2. Confess Your Reliance on God's Strength
3. Practice The Biblical Process for Change

