

Work in Progress...

“Have you Met Grace?”

Two Weeks ago (03/05/2023)

“Conformed and Converted by the Spirit”

Last Week (03/12/2023)



“Work in Progress...”

This week (03/19/2023)

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The Believer is a Work in Progress




Believer is Expected to Make Progress

1 Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God,

Easier said than done



- **Love the Lord with all our being.**
 - **Read our Bible and pray daily.**
 - **Esteem others above ourselves.**
 - **Love our enemies.**
 - **Share the Gospel.**
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SANCTIFICATION

Sanctification is the ongoing supernatural work of God to rescue justified sinners from the disease of sin and to conform them to the image of his Son: holy, Christlike, and empowered to do good works.

SANCTIFICATION: *to be made holy OR making holy.*




Justification & Sanctification

Are they the same?



44 I am the Lord your God; consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy. Do not make yourselves unclean by any creature that moves along the ground. 45 I am the Lord, who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy.

- **God Makes us.**
 - **We cooperate with God to pursue holiness through obedience.**
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**God plays *His* part, and we have
our part in the sanctification
journey.**



Romans 6:1-14

1 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? 2 By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? 3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—7 because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

11 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. 13 Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. 14 For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

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**Holiness is the opposite
of sin.**



**Sin means missing God's
mark or standards.**



**Holiness means living in
devotion to God.**

What does Sanctification look like?



Demolition

- **Tearing down**
- **Digging up**
- **Destruction**
- **Death/Killing**

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3 It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, 5 not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God;

**5 Put to death, therefore,
whatever belongs to your earthly
nature: sexual immorality,
impurity, lust, evil desires and
greed, which is idolatry.**

Reconstruction

- **Building up**
- **Planting**
- **Construction**
- **Life (New Life)**

1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

32 “Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

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