



ANCHORED TO TRUTH

FOUNDATIONS OF THE FAITH

LESSON 8: SANCTIFICATION

Reading:

- ☐ John 15:1-17, 16:13
- ☐ Romans 6:17-19
- ☐ Galatians 2:19-21
- ☐ Ephesians 4:22-24
- ☐ Philippians 2:12-13
- ☐ Hebrews 5:12-14
- ☐ 1 Peter 1:2, 2:11

Anchor Verse: *Attempt to memorize the following verse.*

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

Introductions:

What's a life lesson you've learned that you're grateful for?

What's a goal you've achieved that made you proud?

If you had the chance to tell anything to your younger self, what would it be?

Just as humans and animals undergo a transformative journey from birth to adulthood, so too does our spiritual life flourish as we walk with Christ. And much like the gradual growth of a tree or plant, we understand that maturity doesn't happen overnight; it requires time, care, and the overcoming of obstacles.

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil. Hebrews 5:12-14

The doctrine of sanctification is foundational to the Christian faith.

God's Call To Be Sanctified:

Holy means set apart for God. Sanctification is the action of making someone holy or set apart for God. The command to be holy brought condemnation under the Old Testament law, but those who have been justified through Christ are given The Holy Spirit, who empowers us to seek holiness.

For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:19-20



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Those who are justified through Christ, are sanctified by the Holy Spirit. The process of sanctification means we hold everything before God with an open hand. We take off our old self in sin in order to put on our new self in Christ. This change affects every part of our lives: a change of heart, a change of mind, a change in perspective, and a change of will. We begin embracing truth, growing in faith, growing in repentance, surrendering to God's will, and finding Jesus increasingly wonderful and sin increasingly horrible.

[T]o put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4:22-24

The one thing that stands between us and maturity in Christ is sin. You were not saved from sin to continue living in sin. You cannot allow sin to reign where Jesus is supposed to be reigning. Sin keeps us from studying God's Word, building God's church, and following God's commands.

But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. Romans 6:17-19

Jesus Sighting:

The Holy Spirit applies the work of Christ to our lives.

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. John 16:13

Reflection:

What evidence of growth and change can you see in your life over the last year? What are you doing to mature in Christ? Is there any sin in your life or anything that you are not surrendering to God that is keeping you from growing in sanctification?