

## Without Sanctification There Is No Glorification

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Shalom.

Today we're going to explore the most important topic of "**Without Sanctification There is No Glorification**".

### I. Positional Sanctification

*Heb10:9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.*

*Heb10:10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

These verses inform us that, 2,000 years ago when Yeshua died on the cross and then rose from the dead, He sanctified us already through His supreme sacrifice. Next, we go on to a very important concept that's called progressive sanctification: meaning how sanctification comes about in our lives, how it gets worked out during our lives.

Let's turn to **Php 2: 12 & 13** -

### I. Progressive Sanctification

*Php 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.*

*Php 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.*

Let's look at **Heb10:14** and here I use the English Standard Version (ESV) because of the clarity of the translation.

***ESV Heb 10:14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.***

**Jas 2:14** reads –

*Jas 2:14 What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?"*

Next, turn to **2 Co 3:18** -

*2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

Please note the following important points as we just read those important verses -

- a. We are to **work out** our own salvation in fear and trembling, cooperating with the Holy Spirit who empowers us to do so.
- b. The ESV version of the Bible makes it very clear in Heb 10:14 that sanctification is a process and you might add, a **lifelong process**.

- c. The Book of James makes the most important point that faith must manifest in good works. James used the example of Abraham sacrificing his son Isaac.

I refer you to **Jas 2:20-22** -

*Jas 2:20 Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that **faith apart from works is useless?***

*Jas 2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar?*

*Jas 2:22 You see that faith was active along with his works, and **faith was completed by his works;***

And the last 2 points are very important for us to bear in mind.

- d. Most Christians **resist sanctification** on the grounds that it will amount to achieving salvation by works. In fact, the Protestant reformers led by Martin Luther almost wanted to throw out the Book of James because James maintains that faith should be demonstrated in works.
- e. "Working out" our salvation is not 'working for our salvation' which is freely given by Yeshua's sacrifice
- f. The "working out" does not refer to good deeds like giving to the poor but rather to the overcoming of sins, overcoming the flesh, avoiding worldliness and walking closely with the Holy Spirit so as to be transformed into the image and likeness of Christ.

The next important point that we need to learn from the Bible is the role of truth in sanctifying us. Yeshua said in **Jhn 17:17** –

## **II. Truth Sanctifies**

*Jhn 17:17 **Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.***

In this very short succinct verse, we see **3 important points**.

- a. YAHWEH's truth revealed in the Bible exposes the lies of Satan.
- b. As we learn the truth and obey, we get cleansed and transformed little by little into Yeshua's image and likeness.
- c. Yeshua said, "Thy word is truth." He informs us that the entire Bible [apart from human corruptions and errors in translations] is truth.

In fact, the entire Bible is only true in the original languages and, of course, without corruption introduced by those who copied the Bible. There are, of course, translation errors.

Another important facet of sanctification is what the Bible calls **Death to Self**. Death to the carnal fallen nature that we inherited from Adam. Let's look at **2 Co 7:1** –

## **III. Death to Self**

***2Co 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.***

Again, in the Book of **Rom 8:12-14** -

**Rom 8:12** *So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.*

**Rom 8:13** *For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*

**Rom 8:14** *For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.*

These are very important verses and there are 4 key points to note here.

- a. Sanctification involves cleansing ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit.
- b. We are to **perfect holiness, which is another word for sanctification**, in the fear of God.
- c. Sanctification involves putting to death the sinful carnal nature and its deeds.
- d. **We cannot become the sons of God without being led by the Holy Spirit in the work of sanctification.**

Next, we'll see that the Bible tells us or warns us that if you want to be sanctified, then you cannot engage in fornication and uncleanness. Let us look at **1 Th 4:3-7**: these are very important verses –

#### **IV. Fornication & Uncleanness**

**1Th 4:3** **For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:**

**1Th 4:4** *That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;*

**1Th 4:5** *Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:*

**1Th 4:6** *That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.*

**1Th 4:7** For **God hath not called us unto uncleanness but unto holiness.**

- a. There should be no sexual immorality, which is what fornication refers to.
- b. This is overlooked by most Christians: there should be **holiness in marital relations**.

The Greek word that is translated in English as lust or craving is 'Epithumia' **G1939** which translates into desire, craving, longing, **desire for what is forbidden and lust**.

Please note that in marriage there are two forbidden things: **No unnatural sex as in anal sex**. No sexual activities during a woman's **monthly menstrual period** because that violates the law of uncleanness.

The next point about sanctification has to do with renewal of your mind. Let's look at **Rom 12:1 & 2** -

#### **V. Renewal of Mind**

**Rom 12:1** *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

*Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye **transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

There are 2 important points here.

- a. Our bodies must be a living sacrifice, meaning that, we must deny the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life.
- b. Our minds, which is reference to our souls, need to be transformed by the renewal of the Holy Spirit.

A lot of Christians, instead, conform themselves to the world and they refuse to be transformed by renewing of the Holy Spirit. Their thoughts, ambitions and desires are very worldly

Another and the most important consequence or objective of sanctification is that we may one day conform to the image and likeness of Christ. Two very important verses come from Rom 8:29 & 30 -

#### **VI. Conformed to His Image & Likeness**

*Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate **to be conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

*Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.*

- a. The ultimate objective of sanctification is for us **to attain to the image and likeness of Christ**, as Paul declared in **Gal 4:19**:

*Gal 4:19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again **until Christ be reformed in you**.*

Please note the following additional points -

- b. Only those who conform to His image and likeness are counted as His brethren: that is, the brethren of Yeshua.
- c. Only such sanctified people will be called or invited by YAHWEH.
- d. Only such sanctified people will be made righteous.
- e. Only such sanctified people will be glorified, that is admitted to heaven.

Let's look at what **ultimate sanctification** involves in addition to the image and likeness of Christ. What Paul has to say about ultimate sanctification in **1Th 5:23** –

#### **VII. Ultimate Sanctification**

*1Th 5:23 And **the very God of peace sanctify you wholly**; and I pray God your whole spirit and your soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

- a. Complete [ultimate] sanctification is the work of YAHWEH through His Holy Spirit.
- b. Complete sanctification involves the totality of our being: spirit, soul and body.

Next, I come to the very important concept of **the elect**. Let's look at **1 Pe 1:2**, the most important verse that most preachers overlook –

## VIII. The Elect

1Pe 1:2 **Elect** according to the **foreknowledge of God the Father**, through the **sanctification of the Spirit**, unto **obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ**: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

Let's look at the word **elect**. It appears importantly in **Mat 24:30 & 31** –

a. Elect

*Mat 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*

*Mat 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and **they shall gather together his elect from the four winds**, from one end of heaven to the other.*

Let's note the following.

1. The English word elect is translated from the Greek word 'ekklektos' **G1588** - the elect are those **chosen by God to obtain salvation through Christ**.
2. **Only the elect will be raptured.**

Please do not believe, as many Christians do, that they have already been chosen by God to obtain salvation. We were told many are called but few are chosen:

*Mat 22:14 **For many are called, but few are chosen.***

Who are those who will be chosen? They are the elect. We see that only the elect will be raptured in Mat 24:20 & 31, which describes the rapture. The rapture, in case you don't know, involves those who are elect by God and living at that time. We shall be taken up in the air, given a new immortal body and taken straight up to heaven together with those elect who would be resurrected from the dead at the same time. All these are with a foreknowledge of God: remember that YAHWEH knows the end from the beginning. Even before the foundation of the earth, He has already chosen the elect through His foreknowledge. Of course, the elect, those chosen are those who are sanctified by the Spirit.

Look at **Tit 2:11-14**, they are important verses -

*Tit 2:11 For the **grace of God**, which bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,*

*Tit 2:12 **Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lust, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;***

*Tit 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ;*

*Tit 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.*

Note the following important points -

1. Grace is described here as **a person** and that person is no less than **the Holy Spirit**. Please do not get away with the idea that grace is just a free gift of God. Grace is the Holy Spirit working in us.
2. The Holy Spirit teaches us.
3. The English word teach is translated from the Greek word 'paideuo' **G3811** means a lot more than teaching. It properly translates as: 'to train' 'training', chastising and disciplining.

To train, chastise and discipline - all 3 are the work of the Holy Spirit. When we go through this process of being trained, chastised and disciplined → we learn obedience.

Obedience is only learned through sanctification of the Holy Spirit. Once we have done the sanctification or have sanctification done in us by the Holy Spirit by learning from the Holy Spirit, trained by Him, chastised by Him, disciplined by Him. **Only then will we be sprinkled with the blood of Jesus Christ.**

Look at **Heb 12:22-24** –

*Heb 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,*

*Heb 12:23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,*

*Heb 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and **to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.***

Please note many Christians believe wrongly that they are covered with the Blood of Jesus and they're always praying or invoking the Blood of Jesus to cover them in the sense of protecting them and so on. But the Bible does not refer to the covering of the Blood of Jesus but to the cleansing via the sprinkling of the Blood of Yeshua.

Next, we come to **the target of the whole process of sanctification**. It is that we shall be glorified. Here I go back to what I read earlier from Rom 8:29 & 30 –

### **IX. Glorified**

*Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate **to be conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

*Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.*

So, please note in conclusion the following **3 important points**.

- a. Only those who are conformed to the image of Yeshua will be counted as His brethren.
- b. Such sanctified people will be called or invited by Yahweh [**the Elect**]
- c. They will be justified in the sense of being made righteous in Christ, not only positionally but because they have been walking in righteousness.

Finally, let me refer to an important verse in **1 Jhn 3:7** –

*Jhn 3:7 Little children, let no one deceive you. **Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.***

Many Christians claim that, because of faith they have obtained 'imputed righteousness' just like Abraham. The righteousness of Christ is credited to us. Yes, **positionally**. but remember, faith is not a once and for all process. Faith is a daily working out and living from faith to faith. The just shall live by faith:

*Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

*Rom 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, **the just shall live by faith.***

What John said in 1 Jhn 3:7 is very important - we must practice righteousness as he is righteous.

Shalom my dear brethren.