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## *Taking a Look at the Underbelly of What Sources Our Faith*

### **SANCTIFICATION – PURPOSING TO PERSEVERE!**

#### **I. ACTS 17:28 "FOR IN HIM WE LIVE AND MOVE AND HAVE OUR BEING..." (NIV)**

- A. The **New Birth** Starts a Dramatic Change to Life as We Knew It
1. We become *the very expression of His life* to the world around us. **We also learn to identify with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection.**
  2. **Galatians 2:20** *"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."* (NIV)

#### **II. CONTINUOUS SANCTIFICATION IS THE NEXT PROGRESSIVE STEP FOR THE BELIEVER**

- A. Sanctification is a Continuous \_\_\_\_\_ that Leads to Greater Maturity and Fellowship with Christ
1. **Sanctification means separation.** Separation **from** evil ways and things and separation **to** God.
- B. **1Thessalonians 5:23** *"Now may the God of peace Himself **sanctify** (hagiazó) you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."* (NAS)
1. Sanctify (hagiazó)—to make holy
  2. It is the setting aside of something for holy use. This made all the difference between a pile of stones and an altar. An altar was once a pile of stones –UNTIL—the minute it was designated for a \_\_\_\_\_! It then became an altar separated for God – for holy use.
- C. **1 Corinthians 1:2** *"To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those **who have been sanctified** (hagiazó) **in Christ Jesus, saints** (hagios) **by calling**, with all who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their {Lord} and ours." (NAS)*
1. We are "hagiazó" in Christ Jesus. We are not just people – but the "hagios" of God, holy people. **However, that "separation" or sanctification is not an event alone – but a process!**

- D. **1Thessalonians 3:13** “so that He may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness (*hagiosune*) before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.” (NAS)

HOLINESS, HOLY, HOLILY:

***This sainthood is not an attainment, it is a state into which God in grace calls men; yet believers are called to sanctify themselves*** (consistently with their calling, <2 Tim. 1:9>), cleansing themselves from all defilement, forsaking sin, living a "holy" manner of life, <1 Pet. 1:15; 2 Pet. 3:11>, and experiencing fellowship with God in His holiness. The saints are thus figuratively spoken of as "a holy temple", <1 Cor. 3:17> (a local church); <Eph. 2:21> (the whole Church), cp. <5:27>; "a holy priesthood," <1 Pet. 2:5>; "a holy nation," <2:9>. (from Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words) (Copyright (C) 1985, Thomas Nelson Publishers)

1. This is something you possess and build up. It is not all imputed unto us. As we follow Christ – we become!
2. **John 13:15** “For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.” (NAS)
  - a. Although we have been separated by God for Himself – we must \_\_\_\_\_ in the sanctification process ourselves.
  - b. Daily separating ourselves from obedience to this world system, our flesh, and our lusts – a pursuit that we must give our heart to!

III. IT IS A CALL TO \_\_\_\_\_ IN OUR FAITH AND OUR PURPOSE!

- A. **John 17:17, 19** “*17 Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.*” (NAS)
- B. **Psalm 119:9** “How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word.” (NIV)
- C. **Hebrews 12:14** “Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification (*hagiasmos*) without which no one will see the Lord.” (NAS)
  1. The conclusion then is that the believer will obtain sanctification through his / her perseverance. **Daily trusting Christ in every situation.**
- D. **1 Thessalonians 4:1-8**