

## THE SANCTIFYING WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. 2 Thessalonians 2:13 "But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth."
2. 1 Thessalonians 5:23 "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." V. 24 "He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it."
  - a. Sanctification is seen to be a continuing process throughout a Christian's entire lifetime.
  - b. This is not something negative. Put a positive conforming to the image of Christ.
  - c. Not a continual or gradual growth into grace.
3. 2 Peter 3:17 "...beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; v. 18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.
4. 2 Corinthians 3:18 "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."
5. Romans 8:26 -30 read
6. Philippians 1:6 "being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."

## THE WORK OF THE FLESH

There is no promise in the Scripture that a Christian, in this life, will ever reach the place where he will no longer sin.

1. 1 John 1:8 "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

The carnal nature, the flesh, never becomes sanctified.

1. John 3:6, 7 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, you must be born again."
2. Romans 8:7 "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be."
3. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 read
4. 2 Peter 2:4-11, v. 9 "...the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment, v. 10 and especially those who walk according to the 'flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority, 'They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries."

The flesh always opposes the Spirit. What so we do?

1. Galatians 4:22-31 read

You cannot eradicate or suppress the flesh but we must identify with Christ.

1. Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Victory comes with identifying with Christ and that which He loves – His church.