

Sanctification



**THE KEY TO
LIVING A
VICTORIOUS
LIFE**

What is it & How do I achieve it?

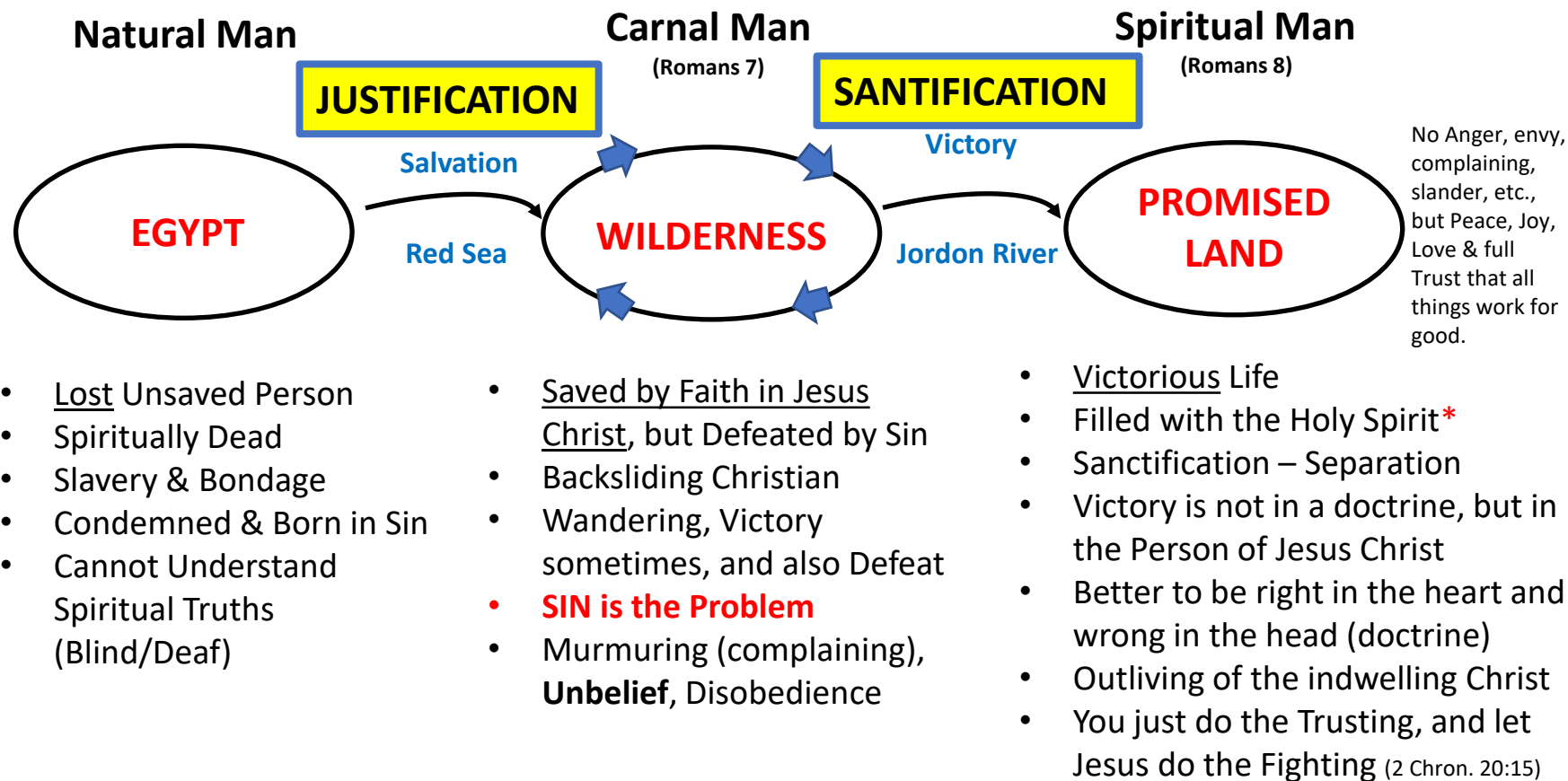
John 13 & Romans 6 – Supplementary Teachings prepared by Darryl McKinnon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KB4KcleYiWM> - Song – Trust & Obey

Salvation



The Spiritual Journey



* Requirements to be Filled with the Holy Spirit – to receive **POWER** over **SIN** & in **SERVICE**

1. Confession & Renunciation of Sin (daily)
2. Obedience & Dedication (Bible, Prayer, Forgiveness, etc.)
3. Surrender (time, \$, self – “Deny Yourself”)
4. **FAITH – TRUST IN JESUS like a child**, Don’t Fear, just Believe

Sanctification

- Also called: Holiness, Victorious Life, “Sinless Perfection”
- The **Sanctified Life** is a Life of Victory over all Conscious Sin (in Thought, Word & Deed). To become more like Christ.
- **It's salvation in the present** – obtained by grace through faith in Jesus (**Repent & Believe everyday**). A life filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18).

Scripture

Matthew 5:48

- ⁴⁸ Therefore **you shall be perfect**, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

1 Peter 1:15-16

- ¹⁵ but as He who called you *is* holy, **you also be holy in all your conduct**, ¹⁶ because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”

Romans 6:14

- ¹⁴ For **sin shall not have dominion over you**, for you are not under law but under grace.

2 Corinthians 3:18

- 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.**

Scripture

- **We cannot deny the following facts:**
 1. Perfection & Holiness is commanded
 2. There is a possibility of resisting temptation
- **The Christian Dilemma:**
 - We keep sinning & feel like we are either not saved or have lost our salvation. (Assurance of Salvation)
 - Life for most of us is an up and down experience, **sometimes** on the Mountain Top in the **Promised Land**, **sometimes** in the Valley of the **Wilderness**.

Problems with Many Holiness Doctrine Teachings

- Often produces feeling of intense guilt that you may lose your salvation and peace with God if you fail and fall into sin.
- Efforts of self-crucifixion sets so a high a standard of Christian living, even though we may profess it, we can't live it. Carnal mind is still in us from time to time.
- The standard of "sinless perfection" (this term is not found in the Bible) is unattainable and can drive some to insanity trying to achieve.
- Leads to trusting in YOUR EFFORTS instead of trusting Christ
- Results in Spiritual Pride – thinking they do not sin (hard heartedness)
- Leads to harshly judging others
- At some point then people finally realize this unattainable and they have utterly failed, the result can be intense stress that sometimes even leads to unbelief in the scripture.

Sanctification - Definition

• Doctrinal/Theological Definition

- The making perfectly holy what was once before defiled and sinful. The believer is gradual cleansed from the corruption of his nature by the grace of God as a result of the believer's love for Christ.

• Actual Biblical Definition

- To **SET APART** or **SEPARATION** or **MAKE HOLY (more Christ-Like)**
- **2 Cor 6:14- 17; John 15:19; 1 John 2:15; James 4:4**
- **Separate yourself from:** Worldly pleasures; worldly alliances (business); marriage; friends, etc. – like Abraham, Moses, Israelites.
- Jesus must be set apart in our hearts (as the King on the throne of our heart) – Must be done **DAILY**
- We are already linked with Jesus eternally upon Justification (separated from the power of sin) as far as the conscience is concerned – this is **Positional Sanctification**. But we also need internal **Possessional Sanctification** as we live our lives each day.

Sanctification – Bible Meaning

1. Ex. 40:10-11- no change took place in the vessels
 2. Ex. 19:22 – No change took place in their natures
 3. Ex. 19:10 – One man could sanctify another
 4. Is. 66:17 - People can sanctify themselves
 5. John 10:36 – Jesus was sanctified by the Father (it is blasphemy to say Jesus had a sinful nature that was eradicated; this means He was “set apart”)
 6. John 17:19 – Jesus sanctified Himself
 7. 1 Cor. 7:14 – Unbelievers are sometimes sanctified (through marriage)
 8. 1 Cor. 1:1-2 – Carnal Christians (sinners) are sanctified
 9. Heb: 12:14 – we are told to follow sanctification
 10. 1 Peter 3:15 – Believers told to sanctify God
 11. 1 Peter 1-2; 15-16 – People addressed as sanctified are afterward called to be holy
 12. Heb. 10:14 – The sanctified are nevertheless declared perfected forever
- **It is clear that a great discrepancy lies here between the theologians, the perfectionists and the Bible.**

Sanctification

Positional Sanctification

- Absolute - Unchanging
- Eternal
- One offering of Christ on the Cross
- New place in God's eternal favor – defilement, condemnation and wrath can never attach
- **Justified** – “Not Guilty” = “**Righteous**”
- Born again, “in Christ”, new creation
- Nothing to do with feeling, but it's a fact based on the faithfulness of the Word of God.
- Happens at the moment of salvation
- God declares us set apart and holy in His eyes: “God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus” (Eph. 2:6)

Possessional Sanctification

- Progressive – Changing
- Internal – Believers have new affections and should have no desire be part of the world's affections.
- Old affections & desires are superseded by new holy longing
- Sanctified by the **Spirit** & the **Word**
- Begins with the Spirit after salvation, but we need the application of the Word to continue to grow from some areas of darkness.
- John 17:16-19 “Sanctify them through thy truth; thy Word is truth”
- Therefore you can never be wholly sanctified without the WORD - Judge yourself daily
- Make Christ the object of your heart, run the race with patience looking to Jesus
- It's not about feeling, it's about fact first (1 John 1:9), faith second and feeling third. Satan always reverses the divine order and tells you to look for feeling.
- Just go out believing, testifying and acting on your faith, and you will know the joy and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Meaning of Jesus' Washing of Feet

- John 13:7-10 - washing of feet is a symbolic picture of spiritual washing and sanctification.
- Eph. 5:25-26
- Sanctification is progressive
- Part of Christ we have in the atonement (washing of whole body-regeneration), but part we have in our daily communion in the Word and prayer and confession, sanctified by the Word (Ps.119:9).
- We need continual cleansing from the effect of ongoing sin in our fleshly body. **1 John 1:9**
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L11aniUYocw>

How can we Live a Sanctified Life

1. Faith – Trusting in Jesus

- Eph. 6:16 (Shield of faith will quench **ALL** of the fiery darts of the Wicked)

2. Surrender - – Deny yourself & surrender your **Past, Present & Future.** Surrender your will, your time, your money.

3. Obedience

a. **Love** – Action, Giving, Loving Enemies [Romans 13:10](#); [Romans 5:5](#); [1 John 4:12](#); [18](#)

b. **Word of God** – Reading & applying the Word daily (the morning watch)

c. **Pray** without ceasing; be **Thankful** always; **Forgive**; **Praise** and **Worship**.
etc....

4. Daily Repentance – Pure Heart (Psalm 51)

- Ps. 32: 1-2 & Matthew 5:8 (Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven...Blessed is the pure in heart)
- This blessedness belongs to everyone who has honestly turned to God in repentance and trusted the Lord Jesus Christ – David was far from being a sinless man, but he judged himself, then confessed his sin to the Lord and received forgiveness. Have you?
- “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us” (1 John 1:8).

Baptised, Buried & Raised with Christ

The Divine Secret revealed in Romans 6

- **We cannot overcome sin by trying in our own efforts.**

Positional Sanctification – Romans 6:1-10

- Romans 6:3-11 says we now **“in Christ”**, we “put on Christ” at the moment we are saved. We have the power of the Holy Spirit that raised Christ from the dead inside us! **We are RIGHTEOUS (imputed) or JUSTIFIED the moment we believe!**
- Baptism is an illustration to show that we are completely immersed into Christ’s death and burial, and rose again as a new creation.
- Try to understand what death and resurrection meant to Jesus. As God He could not die, yet He as Holy could not remain in contact with sin, so He defeated death, sin and Satan.

Possessional Sanctification – Romans 6:11-122

- Are we able “Reckon/Count on it” – **Believe it! You are free!** (Rom 6:11)
- **Now Surrender** – give up your pride, your past, your bitterness, irritability, jealousy, self-pity, etc. and get busy for the Lord trusting Him for everything (**take up your cross & follow Him**)

The Truth has Made You Free Believe it/Know it/Reckon it, and Sail

Romans 6

- 1. KNOW** the Facts about your identification with Christ – You are Justified and now a child of God, not of Satan anymore. (Romans 6:3,6,9)
- 2. TRUST** - “Reckon” or know these facts to be true (Rom. 6:11)
- 3. YIELD**, Surrender or “Present” yourself to God, not to Satan – Have has the horse been Broken on both sides (Romans 6:13, 16, 19)
- 4. OBEY** – the Bible – (Romans 6:17)

Your Anchor Has Been Cut - You Are Free Believe it/Know it/Reckon it, and Sail

Defeated Wilderness Christian

Christian who still thinks they are Anchored to Sin, even though the anchor is cut



Life of Little Faith

Victorious Christian

Christian who “Knows” they are free, Trusts God and their Identity in Christ, and sails in Obedience



Trusting God

SIN – ARE YOU GUILTY OF ANY OF THESE TODAY?

1. Have we forgiven everyone?	2. Do we use foul language or behave inappropriately
3. Do we get angry or easily offended?	4. Have we given as much as we can to God?
5. Is there pride in our heart?	6. Are we worldly (like the things of the world vanity)?
7. Are we worried or anxious?	8. Have we wronged anyone and not made restitution?
9. Are we discouraged or discontented?	10. Do we ever exaggerate/create false impressions?
11. Are there feelings of jealousy?	12. Are we guilty of the sin of unbelief
13. Do you get impatient and irritated?	14. Are we guilty of prayerlessness?
15. Do we ever have lustful thoughts?	16. Are we neglecting God's Word?
17. Have you been dishonest or stolen?	18. Have we failed to confess Jesus Christ openly
19. Are we greedy (want more than we need)	20. Are we witnessing every chance we have?
21. Have you been gossiping about people	22. Are we always thankful for all the Lord has given us?
23. Do we criticize unlovingly or harshly?	24. Do we have bitterness towards anyone?

What Happens when a Christian Sins?

- 1. The Christian does not practice sin (as a lifestyle)**
1 John 3:6-9
- 2. But a Christian may Fall into Sin (1 John 2:1-2)** like the Sheep and the Pig who fall in mud. The sheep is forgiven and flees immediately from the mud, the Pig stays in it and loves it. Which one are you?
- 3. You will not Lose Your Salvation—** but you will be punished. **(John 6:37; Samuel 7:13-15; Psalm 89:30-34)**
- 4. Fellowship is Broken, but Confession Restores it**
(1 John 1:9)

[Video Summary of Romans Chapters 7:](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fryDISrD_Wg&feature=emb_title) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fryDISrD_Wg&feature=emb_title

What Happens when a Christian Sins?

1. The Christian does not practice sin (as a lifestyle)

1 John 3:6-9

- ⁶ **Whoever abides in Him does not sin.** Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him...
- ⁸ **He who sins is of the devil,** for the devil has sinned from the beginning. **For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.**
- ⁹ **Whoever has been born of God does not sin,** for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

2. But a Christian may Fall into Sin

- **1 John 2:1-2**
- My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. **And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ** the righteous. ² And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

What Happens when a Christian Sins?

3. You will not Lose Your Salvation– **but you will be punished.**

- **John 6:37**

- ³⁷ All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and **the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.**

- **Samuel 7:13-15;**

- ¹³ He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. **If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod** of men and with the blows of the sons of men. ¹⁵ **But My mercy shall not depart from him,** as I took *it* from Saul, whom I removed from before you.

- **Psalm 89:30-34**

- ³⁰ **“If his sons forsake My law** And do not walk in My judgments,
³¹ If they break My statutes And do not keep My commandments,
³² **Then I will punish their transgression with the rod,** And their iniquity with stripes.
³³ **Nevertheless** My lovingkindness I will not utterly take from him,
Nor allow My faithfulness to fail. ³⁴ **My covenant I will not break,**
Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.

What Happens when a Christian Sins?

4. Fellowship is Broken, but Confession Restores it

(Relationship to God is unchanged – You are a child of God for all eternity)

1 John 1:9

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The Sanctified Life - Summary

What it is Not

- It is not freedom from temptations (Satan may attack even more)
- It is not safety from the possibility of sin (1 Cor. 10:12)
- It is not a gradual deliverance from sin (Rom. 6:14)

What it is

1. A Crisis Experience – has a beginning, like the day the Israelites crossed the Jordan – in the morning they were in the Wilderness, by evening the Promised Land.
2. It is a life of Victory over Sin (Rom. 6:14; Eph. 5:18 “be filled with the Spirit”)
3. It is a life-long transformation into Christ likeness (2 Cor. 3:18)

When Does it Happen

- It should happen at conversion, however, most Christians wander in the wilderness for years, unwilling to fully yield to the Holy Spirit.
- Often it takes Christians a second crisis experience of great failure before they fully surrender to God.

The Sanctified Life – 3 Steps

* You don't have to wander 40 years in the wilderness or fully understand complex theology to be "filled with the Spirit" and be "Sanctified". Many humble followers have lived this life by simply following these 3 steps.

3 Steps (Walk in the Steps of Abraham Rom. 4:12)

- 1. Separation** (from sin and the world) – "Sanctify Yourselves" **Joshua 3:5**; "Be ye separate" (**2 Cor. 6:17**)
- 2. Dedication** (to be set apart wholly for God, complete Trusting in Jesus & the Word)
- 3. Filling of the Holy Spirit** – God will do this part, but not until we do our part (Steps 1 & 2) – we must Confess and Renounce all conscious sin, Trust, Surrender, Obey.

- Before God can do His part (Step 3 below), We must do our part (Steps 1 & 2 below).

Note: This practical applied teaching is from the book "The Man God Uses" by Oswald J. Smith

The Victorious Life

- Why am I on the Mountain top one day and in the valley of despair the next? In the Promised Land Today (Rom. 8) and back in the Wilderness tomorrow (Rom. 7)?
- The Victorious Life is a life free from conscious known sin.
- We are talking about **Inward Sin** (worry, anxiety, unforgiveness, anger, jealousy, impure thoughts) and your **Besetting sin – Heb 12:1 – Addictions** (most outward sin should be removed by now).
- Not about “sinless perfection” or suppression. We can’t live the Victorious life on our own, no one has ever lived it except Jesus. We can only live it through the “**Outliving of the indwelling Christ**”
- **We need POWER** – Holy Spirit Power to overcome sin requiring: TRUST; Confession of sin; Surrender; and Obedience.

The Victorious Life – 3 Steps

- 1. Identify & Confess your sins** – 1 John 1:7-9 – Put it under the Blood of Christ
 - 2. Trust Christ like a child to be your Victor** to defeat the “Strong Man” at every temptation you face.
 - 3. Ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit** to provide you power over sin and power in service.
- You need to cross the Jordon River and conquer Jericho – **2 Chron. 20:15-19** “**Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you.... Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason...for the battle is not yours, but God’s.**”
 - Yes this is the **simple secret, Trust Jesus Christ to be your victor** – don’t rely on your efforts, struggles, and merit, you cannot win on your own or earn it.
 - By living a life of obedience (prayer, bible study, etc.), surrender and faith, with regular cleansing by confession and repentance when you do fail, you will live the Victorious Life, filled with the Holy Spirit.

Stop fighting your own battles, stop looking for “feeling” and emotion; just trust in Jesus.

Trust in Jesus Moment by Moment

- **Victory over Satan & Sin** through faith in Jesus is a moment by moment experience.
- **Jesus sums up Sin in one word** – “**UNBELIEF**” – John 16:8-9
- If you fail and sin, just confess and repent and get back to rejoicing in the joy of your salvation.
- **Trust in Jesus always** (like Peter when he kept his eyes on Jesus could walk on the water).
- **This is the ultimate secret to living the sanctified life.**
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-DdgkvnshjM> – **Song - Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus**
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ft1VCZ4GB64> **Song – Moment by Moment**