

# “SANCTIFICATON”

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# JEHOVAH M'AKADDESH

## Jehovah Who Sanctifies

**Lev. 20:7,8 (NKJV)**

***<sup>7</sup> Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am the LORD your God. <sup>8</sup> And you shall keep My statutes, and perform them: I am the LORD who sanctifies you.***

# WHAT'S IN A WORD?

► Sanctification:  
the act or process of acquiring sanctity, of being made or becoming holy. To sanctify is to literally "set apart for particular use in a special purpose or work and to make holy or sacred". It is a gift given through the power of God to a person or thing which is then considered sacred or set apart in an official capacity.  
"The state of being set apart from the secular and the sinful, unto a sacred purpose"...

# WHAT'S IN A WORD?

- ▶ Consecration:

*Consecration is the solemn dedication to a special purpose or service; consecration literally means "association with the sacred"*

- ▶ Statute:

*something prescribed, an enactment, ordinance*

- ▶ Perform: *Obedience to a Statute, law, or command*

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- *God is ultimately involved with our personal sanctification.*
- *His view of us is what ultimately matters in our lives.*
- *We must make the conscious decision to become sanctified.*

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## ► The Father Sanctifies:

1 Thessalonians 5:23 (KJV)

<sup>23</sup> And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## ► The Son Sanctifies:

Ephesians 5:26-27 (KJV)

<sup>26</sup> *That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,*

<sup>27</sup> *That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*

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▶ The Holy Spirit Sanctifies: Romans 15:16 (KJV)

*<sup>16</sup> That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.*



2 Thessalonians 2:13 (KJV)

*<sup>13</sup> But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:*

1 Peter 1:2 (KJV)



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

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- ▶ *God desires that we would take on the personality of Himself through Jesus Christ...*
- ▶ *He provides us with what we need to become “transformed”*
- ▶ *He then expects us to engage the process of becoming made like Him...*
- ▶ *This is the process of Sanctification...*
- ▶ *Initial Sanctification: Happens at our new birth in Christ*
- ▶ *Progressive Sanctification: Should be an everyday Process*
- ▶ *Complete Sanctification: Happens when we meet and are made like Jesus*



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- ▶ **Questions:**
- ▶ **1. How much do you look like Jesus?**
- ▶ **2. How much do you act like Jesus?**
- ▶ **3. How is your life different from Jesus'?**
- ▶ **4. Why?**

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## ***“Spiritual Drifting”***



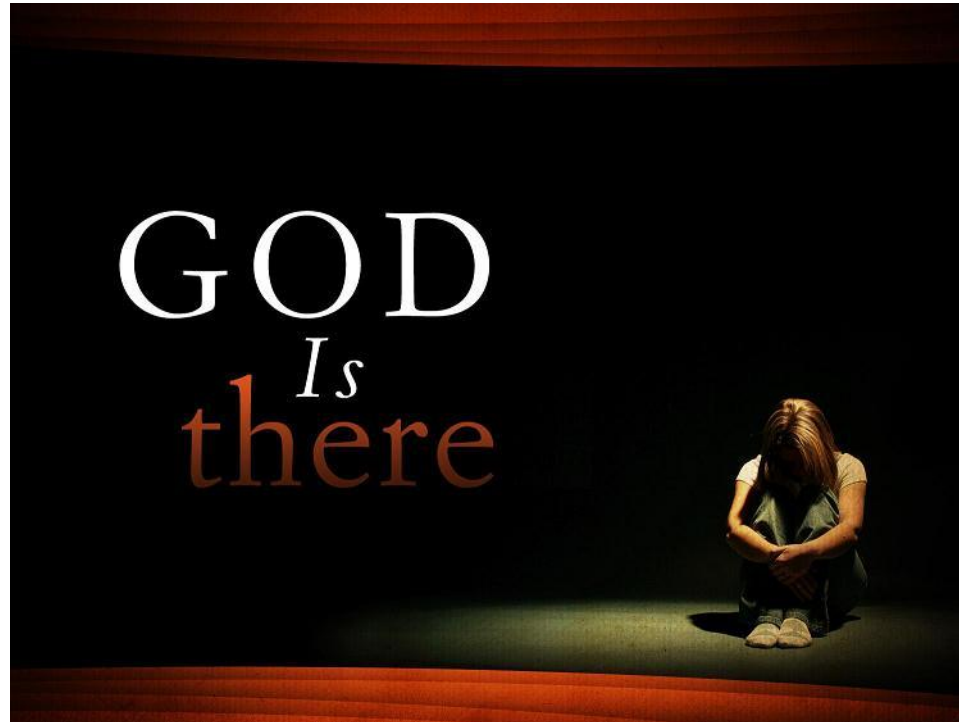
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## *“Spiritual Drifting”*

- ▶ *Saved & Spirit filled*
- ▶ *No Word life*
- ▶ *No Consistent Prayer Life*
- ▶ *No Witnessing*
- ▶ *No Activity in the Body of Christ (the Church)*
- ▶ *Aimlessly Wandering, and Drifting with no Spiritual Direction*

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- ▶ *We Drift because we are lacking the power of full connection The God who Sanctifies*



# What's It All About?

► **John 17:17-19 (KJV)**

- 17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.**  
**18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.**  
**19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.**



**IS THE WORD OF GOD TRUTH TO YOU?...**

# What's It All About?

► 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 (KJV)

<sup>1</sup> Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

<sup>2</sup> For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

<sup>3</sup> For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

<sup>4</sup> That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

<sup>5</sup> Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

<sup>8</sup> He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

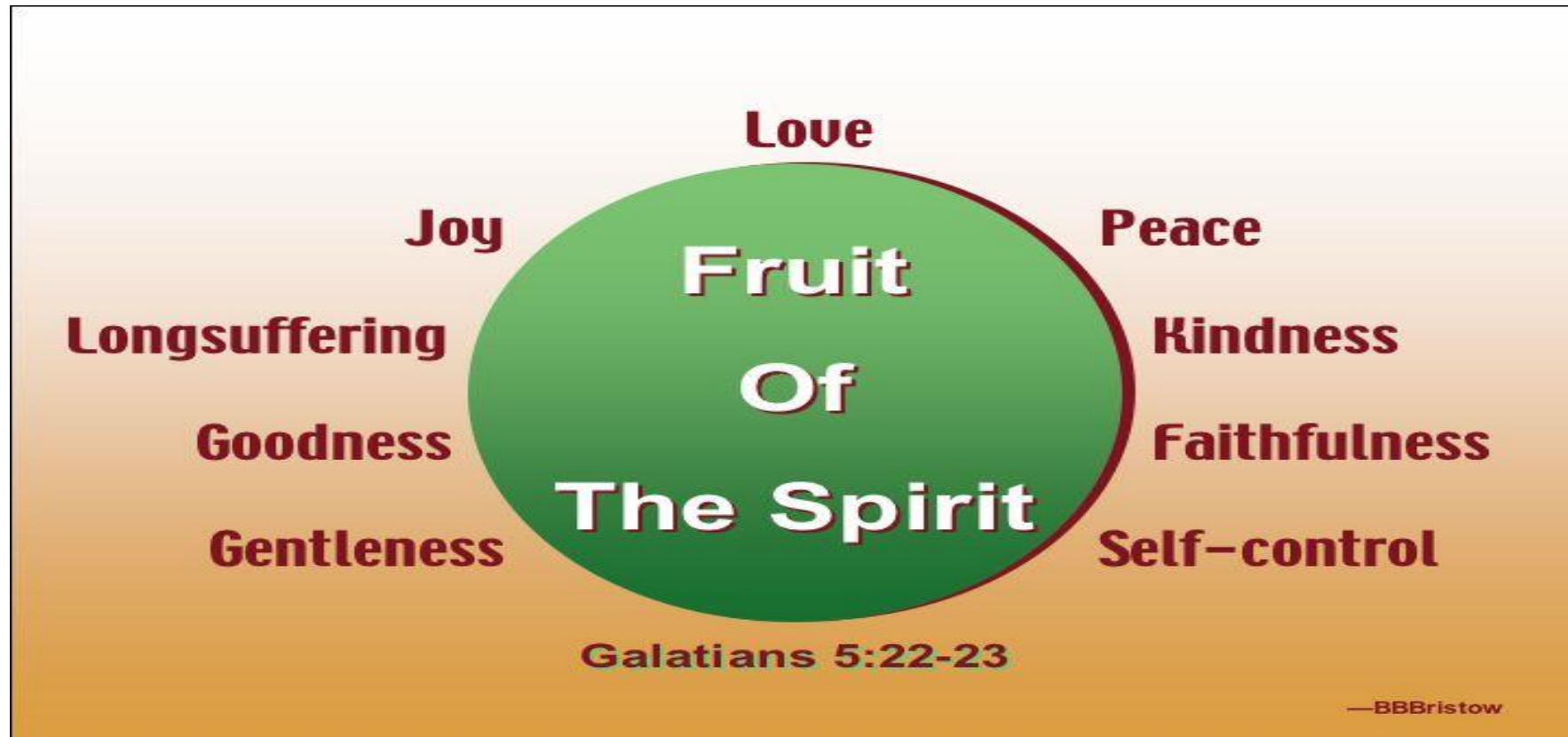


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1 Thessalonians 4:3

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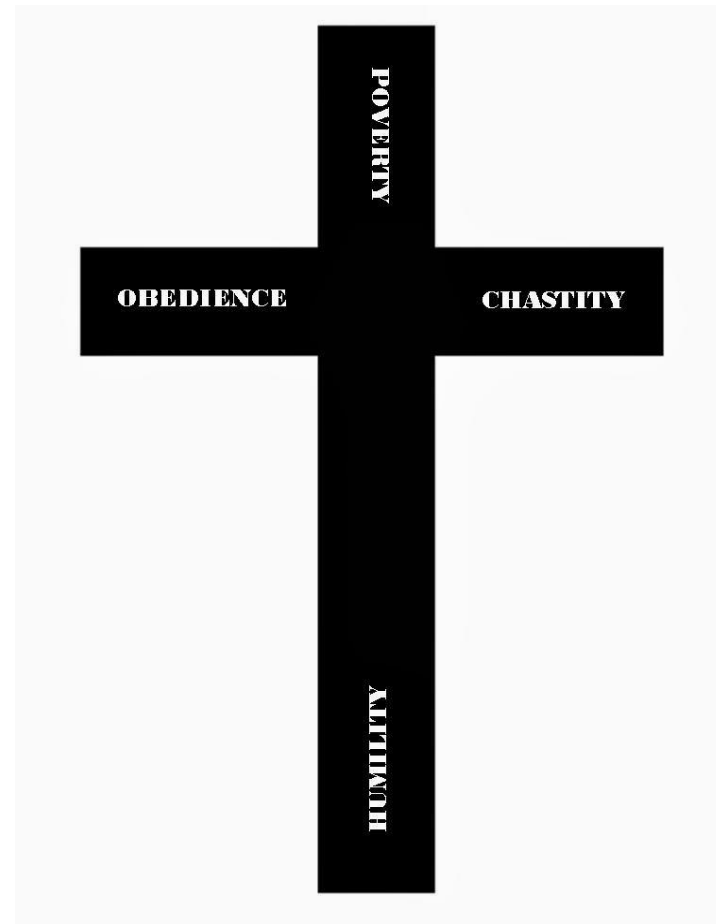


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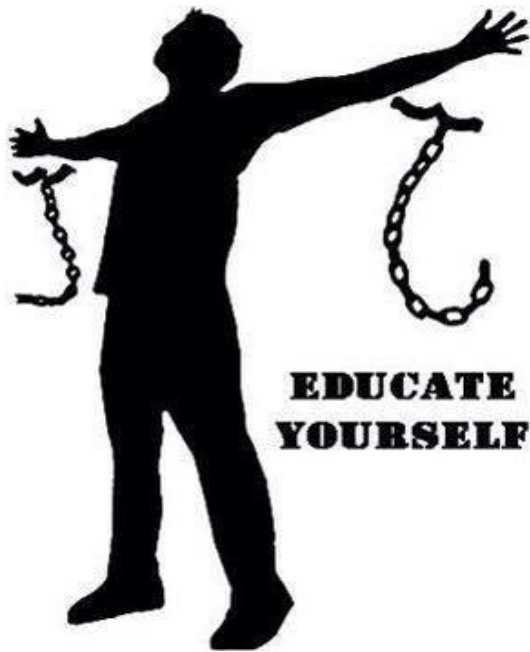
- ▶ *Walking with God through His Spirit...*
- ▶ *Galatians 5:22-26 (KJV)*
  - <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,*
  - <sup>23</sup> Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*
  - <sup>24</sup> And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.*
  - <sup>25</sup> If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*
  - <sup>26</sup> Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.*



# Sanctification / Holiness



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***Holiness is a result of Educating ourselves in the Word of God, and Living by through and in the Spirit of God. 1Tim.2:15; Tim.3:16,17; Eph. 6:13-18; Gal. 5:16-26***

# Sanctification / Holiness

- ▶ ***HOLINESS IS GOD'S COMMAND, BUT IT IS YOUR CHOICE!***
- ▶ ***The blessing of living our lives in God is that He will NEVER force us to do anything.***
- ▶ ***God wants our willing obedience, not our corrupted compliance...***
- ▶ ***How does our holiness effect the totality of our lives???***

# Conditioning Yourself to Holiness

- ▶ 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. 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.

Romans 12:1-2 (KJV)

# Conditioning Yourself to Holiness

- ▶ To engage in Sanctification is to engage in the retraining of your mind.

Neuroscience is beginning to recognize Biblical Truth, that the SOUL of man is an entity of its own and has Mind Will and Emotional control of the body.

- ▶ ***The Mind or Soul is clearly correlated with certain brain states or chemistry, but the Mind or Soul is not identical or reducible to them. Christians should reject as inadequate materialistic accounts of reality that reduce human consciousness, free will, morality, or belief in God to genetics and neuroscience—as important and promising as these fields are.***

# Conditioning Yourself to Holiness

- ▶ *The SOUL of man is distinguished from the Body, and the spirit.*
- ▶ *Matt. 10:28 “And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him with is able to destroy both soul and body in hell”.*
- ▶ *Act. 2:27,31 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. 31. He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption...*

# Conditioning Yourself to Holiness

- ▶ *It is our SOULS that are going through the process of Sanctification.*
- ▶ *Our Will should be submitted to the Will of God*
- ▶ *Our Minds should be committed to the things of God*
- ▶ *Our Emotions (personality) should be governed by the ways of God*



# Acts 26:17

- ▶ *Are you eyes open?*
- ▶ *Have you turned from darkness?*
- ▶ *Have you run to the light of God?*
- ▶ *Have you been liberated from the power of satan?*
- ▶ *Have you received the Power of God?*
- ▶ *Do you know your sins are forgiven?*
- ▶ *Are you aware of you inheritance?*
- ▶ *Are you Sanctified by you Faith in Christ Jesus?*

# Steps to Sanctification

## ▶ **Faith in God**

- ▶ **Mark 11:22 (NLT) <sup>22</sup> Then Jesus said to the disciples, "Have faith in God.**
- ▶ **Hebrews 11:6 (NLT) <sup>6</sup> And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.**

# Steps to Sanctification

- ▶ Removing Strongholds
- ▶ **2 Corinthians 10:3–5 (NLT)**
- ▶ <sup>3</sup> We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. <sup>4</sup> \*We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. <sup>5</sup> We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.

# Steps to Sanctification

- ▶ The Brain, Neurons, Endorphins, Neuroplasticity and You
- ▶ Personal Activity is controlled by the Brain. The Brain functions through neuro transmitters that work as conductors of electricity to cause nerve function, and body activity. The neurons are activated by thoughts, external stimuli, memory, and intake of substances that effect certain areas of the Brain... In other words, what you see, smell, taste, touch, and hear, along with what your mind has experienced, (sensory perception, and mental cognition) indicates your physical, and emotional responses.
- ▶ It began in the womb
- ▶ It continues every day
- ▶ It controls your life

# Steps to Sanctification

- ▶ Chemicals are released in the Brain as certain actions are taken, or certain stimuli are received by it. Those things that are pleasurable to us release endorphins. These chemicals create an almost euphoric feeling. (High)
- ▶ Often these feelings are attached to activities, or feelings that are not in the will of God...
- ▶ Drugs
- ▶ Alcohol
- ▶ Anger, other “feelings”
- ▶ The Brain becomes conformed (molded, contoured, shaped) by these “feelings”
- ▶ The result being, a “Stronghold” is set up in the Brain, a Fortress that may prevent competing information from taking up residence...

# Steps to Sanctification

- ▶ These Strongholds must be removed by reshaping (transforming) the Brain...
- ▶ Romans 12:1-2 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

# Steps to Sanctification

- ▶ **Romans 12:1–2 (NLT)**
- ▶ ***And so, dear brothers and sisters,\* I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.\* 2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.***

# Steps to Sanctification, FAITH in GOD

- ▶ *Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see. Hebrews 11:1 (NLT)*
- ▶ *John 17:17 (NLT) <sup>17</sup> Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth.*
- ▶ *Therefore: Our FAITH, which pushes us into the Process of Sanctification, must be in the TRUTH of God's Word.*
- ▶ *Such Faith is generated by our LOVE for God...*



# Steps to Sanctification

- ▶ Love for God & Others
- ▶ **Matthew 22:36–40 (NLT)** <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?”
- ▶ <sup>37</sup> Jesus replied, “ ‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’\*  
<sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’\* <sup>40</sup> The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

# Steps to Sanctification

- ▶ **Worship** – *Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind... Matt.22:37 (NLT)*
- ▶ *Worship is a lifestyle, not merely the corporate expression of appreciation and worth ship of God. It involves,*
  - ✓ **Prayer**
  - ✓ **Bible Reading, and Study**
  - ✓ **Corporate Worship**
  - ✓ **Activation of the Word in daily living**

# Steps to Sanctification

- ▶ *. Ministry / Service – Love your neighbor as yourself. Matt. 22:38b*
- ▶ *Ministry is translated (Service). Our purpose is to be used for the purposes of God, through Christ Jesus. We are placed in this world to exemplify the kingdom of God, in the same way our Lord and Savior did. His motivation was ALWAYS Love.*
- ▶ *Love is expressed through ACTION. When we express our love for God, we do it by serving others with gladness. (Psalm 100) It is the authentic external expression of our Worship*

# Steps to Sanctification

- ▶ *So What does Sanctification look like in the life of the Believer?*
- ▶ *How can I manifest the truth that I have been Sanctified by the Savior, and am walking into my personal Sanctification?*

# Steps to Sanctification

- ▶ Jesus' group of followers was called "The Way"
- ▶ He is depicted in *John 14:6* like this
- ▶ "I am THE WAY, the Truth and the Life. No man comes to the Father, but by Me..."
- ▶ *There are conditions of The Way...*

# The Mind of Christ

- ▶ *Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus..(Phil. 2:5)*
- ▶ *This is the EARTHLY MIND of Jesus, not the mind when He was in Glory.*
- ▶ *Self-effaced ( modest, content, self-respected, timid)*
- ▶ *Self-emptied (Phil.2:6-8)*
- ▶ *Kenosis Passage (Self-Emptying)*

# The Mind of Christ

- ▶ *Philippians 2:6–8 (NLT)*
- ▶ *<sup>6</sup> Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.*
- ▶ *<sup>7</sup> Instead, he gave up his divine privileges:*
- ▶ *he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.*
- ▶ *When he appeared in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.*

# The Mind of Christ

- ▶ **We must develop the MIND of Christ within our own MINDS**
- ▶ This is a transformation that takes place in our SOULS
- ▶ ***Intellect (Mind)***
- ▶ ***Will***
- ▶ ***Emotions***
- ▶ It means that we are **losing our own way of thinking**, and **forming THE WAY of Jesus Christ in our MINDS...**
- ▶ **Luke 21:19 (NLT) <sup>19</sup> By standing firm, you will win your souls.**
- ▶ **Luke 21:19 (NKJV) <sup>19</sup> By your patience possess your souls.**



# The Truth of Exaltation & Subordination

- ▶ *<sup>6</sup> Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.*
- ▶ Jesus is equal to God the Father (exalted)
- ▶ We also experience the exaltation of the Father. (Mountaintop Experiences)
- ▶ The TRUTH is We are not designed for the Mountain, we are made for the Valley. Luke 9:28
- ▶ We are to BE in the ACTUAL world; not the IDEAL world: and yet BE in communion and connection with the IDEAL that we work it out in the ACTUAL, and make the IDEAL become real...
- ▶ *Matthew 11:28–29 (NKJV) <sup>28</sup> Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

# The Truth of Exaltation & Subordination

- ▶ <sup>7</sup> *Instead, he gave up his divine privileges:*
- ▶ *he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.*
- ▶ *When he appeared in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.*
- ▶ Jesus went from Highly Exalted, to The form of a Servant, BY CHOICE!!!!
- ▶ If we are to be in Fellowship with Him, we must dismiss all rights to ourselves, in ever way, BY CHOICE!!!!
- ▶ Jesus gave up equality with God for us
- ▶ We must give up independence of God for Him...

# The Truth of Exaltation & Subordination

## ▶ Here's Where it gets Rough

- ▶ In the Gospels, Jesus promotes the principle of SELF-DENIAL...
- ▶ Matt. 16:24–27; Mark 9:34–38 Luke 9:23
- ▶ <sup>23</sup> ***Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.***
- ▶ The Theory of Self-Denial is easy...
- ▶ But the hardest person to say no to is...ME!!!!!!
- ▶ This is where the rubber meets the road in our BEING in the ACTUAL and being in Communion and Connection with the IDEAL. This principle hits us a little too hard in the ACTUAL...
- ▶ And yet it is and ESSENTIAL element of our Sanctification.

# Personal Transformation

## **HOLINESS**

***Hagiosmos = Gk.***

***Sanctified = to make holy***

***If we are being sanctified, we are in the process of being made holy***

***This process differs from what most think it is...***

# Personal Transformation

- ▶ *The Process is actually rather simple...*
- ▶ *1 Peter 3:15 (NKJV)*
- ▶ *<sup>15</sup> But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;*
- ▶ *1 Peter 3:15 (NLT)*
- ▶ *<sup>15</sup> Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.*

# Personal Transformation

- ▶ *Our personal transformation into the Sanctified Life begins as we respond to others out our good conscience, and our Faithful life...*
- ▶ *This first and all important step is to Trust & Obey God*
- ▶ *Set yourselves Apart!!!*

# Personal Transformation

- ▶ *Isaiah 29:23 (NLT)*
- ▶ *<sup>23</sup> For when they see their many children and all the blessings I have given them, they will recognize the holiness of the Holy One of Jacob. They will stand in awe of the God of Israel.*
- ▶ *Isaiah 29:23 (NKJV)*
- ▶ *<sup>23</sup> But when he sees his children, The work of My hands, in his midst,*
- ▶ *They will hallow My name, And hallow the Holy One of Jacob, And fear the God of Israel.*

# Personal Transformation

- ▶ *Do You See What God has done in your life?*
- ▶ *Or are you too occupied with the problems, pain and perils?*
- ▶ *When we view life from the God perspective, we begin to realize that all we have and are, we owe to Him!*
- ▶ *Trust: Firm Belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength of someone or something.*
- ▶ *Obey: Comply with the command, direction, or request of a person or a law; submit to the authority of...*



# Personal Transformation

- ▶ *We must always remember that it is GOD who ultimately sanctifies us...*
- ▶ *1 Corinthians 1:30 (NKJV)*
- ▶ *<sup>30</sup> But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—*
- ▶ *1 Corinthians 1:30 (NLT)*
- ▶ *<sup>30</sup> God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin.*

# Personal Transformation

- ▶ Yet the expectation of God is our ACTIVE PARTICIPATION through our Trust (Faith) and Obedience to Him.
- ▶ 2 Corinthians 7:1 (NLT)
- ▶ Because we have these promises, dear friends, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God.
- ▶ 2 Corinthians 7:1 (NKJV)
- ▶ 7 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

# Personal Transformation

- ▶ *Our problem is the universal problem which happened in the Garden.*

# *SIN*

# Personal Transformation

- ▶ *In the beginning God created everything in perfection.  
Then... SIN occurred*

- ▶ *Sin caused DYSFUNCTION, not Destruction...*

*Genesis 3:14-19*

*Prior to the fall, man was perfect (not because of himself,  
but because of the presence, and power of God in Him)*

*But After... Romans. 3:23*

*All have sinned and come short of the glory of God*

# Personal Transformation

- ▶ *This signifies a lack of God's presence...*
- ▶ *Therefore, if God's original presence allowed original man to be perfected; Then for man to be Sanctified, it requires God's presence to have His attributes manifested in us.*
- ▶ *This means that we are His vessels of which He uses to produce in us what He desires to produce from us...*  
**FRUIT**
- ▶ *Good fruit is not produced in an unsanctified vessel...*