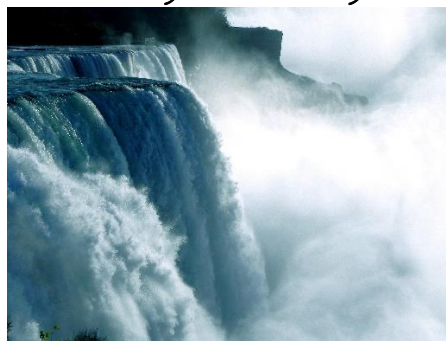


Through and Through



Deeper look into Sanctification

Sanctification is defined – to set apart; consecrate; declare holy; purify; make legitimate
It implies also there is an intended use or function- purpose for- that I'm set apart
To fulfill.

In a broader collective sense, the Bible teaches we all- God's children (meaning born through believing faith in Jesus Christ), are all designed to become holy.

Look up 1 Peter 1:15,16

But just as He who called you is holy, so _____ in all you do; for it is written: Be holy, _____ holy.
(Sorta different than, "do as I say not as I do.")

How is this possible and do I even really hope for this? I hope I have a purpose but do I hope to be holy? Pure?

If I want to include this in my sort of future focus ambition or direction, I have to adopt what God has in mind, not what I see in myself.

So first off, I'm definitely not pure or anything remotely close to holy and I can't make myself become this. **But** I can be given purity and holiness by an outrageous act of God and He can apply it to me.

Read 1 Corinthians 1: 26-30

...think of what you were when you were called. (-believed for the first time)

Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. _____ chose the _____ things to shame the _____; God chose the _____ things to shame the _____... 30- It is because of _____ that you are _____ Christ Jesus, who has become for us _____ from God – that is our _____, _____, and _____.

2 Thessalonians 2:13

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because from the _____ God _____ to be saved
(pause) (smile) (say thanks and give a shout – woot woot!!)

Through the _____ (wait for it) of the _____ and through _____ in the _____.

Huh,... there's another through and through...

Through the work of the Spirit

And

Through belief in the truth

He's so nice! It's not simple, but it couldn't be easier! We can't do it for ourselves, we can only believe and receive, and be sanctified.

So much hope... no matter how messed up we are or what we've done that we don't want anyone to know about us. 1Corinthians 6: 9-10 lists lots of unholy things we get caught up in... sexually immoral stuff, false religions, adultery, prostitution, homosexuality, stealing, greed, drunkenness, slandering people, getting over on people... these things are not connected to being holy like God is holy. And this is the wild part, He can and loves to still make us holy even after being caught up in these kinds of things.

Read 1 Corinthians 6:11

And that is what some of you _____.

But you were _____, you were _____, you were _____ in the _____ of the Lord _____ and by the _____ of our God.

Amazing.

I think those of us who have practiced faith for a while tend to gloss over feeling amazed. Like more than that full feeling of wow at a beautiful sunset or looking over a beautiful mountain gorge, or loving somebody really deeply. This is outrageous love- take it in.

Remember too that in our nature we always expect to have to work for what we get, or at least have to buy it.

Before Jesus came there was a system of sacrifice in attempt to apologize for all that stuff listed up in 1 Corinthians 6: 9-10, but the sacrifices were limited and covered a limited amount of apologies. Then Jesus came and became the sacrifice that would never run out from covering every heartfelt apology (repentance), every person that wants to make things right between themselves and Holy God.

Read **Hebrews 10: 9-10** – really the whole chapter explains a lot
 (Jesus is explaining how His sacrifice will replace the need for all the little sacrifices)
 The He said, “Here I am, I have come to do Your will... And by that will (God’s purposes)
 we have been _____ through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ
 _____ and _____.

Can you believe it??? I think we need a song break.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GZkvUbykhZE> Once and For All – Daigle

And don’t miss this gift.

Hebrews 10:22

Let us _____ to God with a sincere heart in _____ of faith,
 having our hearts sprinkled to _____ us from a _____
 (ahhh thank you!) and having our bodies washed with _____ water. Let us hold
 unswervingly to the _____ we profess, for

HE who _____ **IS** _____!

There’s so much more! Keep reading! Peace and Joy to you in the journey of Sanctification.