

GOD'S WORD TO MAN

My Presentation



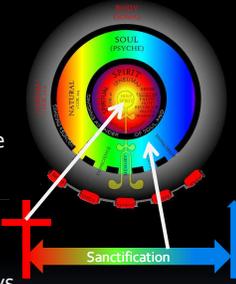
Too many of us are caught *acting* as Christians. The life of many Christians today is largely a pretense. They live a "spiritual" life, talk a "spiritual" language, adopt "spiritual" attitudes, but they are doing the whole thing themselves. It is the effort involved that should reveal to them that something is wrong. They force themselves to refrain from doing this, from saying that, from eating the other, and how hard they find it all! ... Nothing is so hurtful to the life of a Christian as acting; nothing so blessed as when our outward efforts cease and our attitudes become natural—when our words, our prayers, our very life, all become a spontaneous and unforced expression of the life within. (Watchman Nee—*Sit, Walk, Stand*)

Sanctification

Sanctification (Rom 8): is the working of God within the regenerate person through the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Throughout the Christian's life, the believer grows by faith (looking away unto Jesus) into the image of Christ and displays the fruit of the Spirit.

Occurs in the soul (mind, will, and emotions) of man



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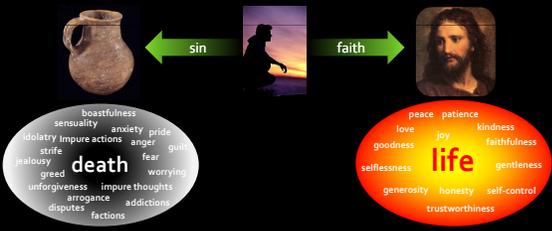
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Romans 1:16,17 – "shall live by faith" the just, by faith, shall live

Romans Hebrews Ephesians

Hebrews: Faith – how to live what you believe.

- Faith: Looking away unto Jesus (Heb 12:2).
 - Eph 2:8,9 – "been saved through faith"
 - Rom 5:1 – "justified by faith"
- Biblical faith never acts apart from biblical Truth.
 - 2 Timothy 2:15 – "handling accurately the word (*logos*) of truth."

FAITH
TRUTH
(*rhema—logos*)

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The Book of Hebrews:

"Faith is the least self-regarding of the virtues. It is by its very nature scarcely conscious of its own existence. Like the eye which sees everything in front of it and never sees itself, faith is occupied with the Object upon which it rests and pays no attention to itself at all. While we are looking at God we do not see ourselves--blessed riddance. The man who has struggled to purify himself and has had nothing but repeated failures will experience real relief when he stops tinkering with his soul and looks away to the perfect One. While he looks at Christ the very things he has so long been trying to do will be getting done within him. It will be God working in him to will and to do. Faith is not in itself a meritorious act; the merit is in the One toward Whom it is directed. Faith is a redirecting of our sight, a getting out of the focus of our own vision and getting God into focus. Sin has twisted our vision inward and made it self regarding. Unbelief has put self where God should be..." (Tozer, POG)

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Hebrews 1:1-3 – God has spoken and is speaking to us through His Son.

- o God spoke in parts (books): history, biography, genealogy, legislation, religious ordinances, spiritual experiences, and prophecies.
- o God spoke in various manners: by the Spirit directly upon servants, through angels, or theophanies (appearances of God Himself – Gen 18), by conferred Divine wisdom (Proverbs and Ecclesiastes), through putting His words in the mouth of His prophets, through visions and dreams.
- o God has now to us completely: in the Person of His Son.
 - Christ does not speak in the book of Hebrews. *He, Himself, is God's message to us here!*

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Avoiding the snare..."the teachings of Jesus" "the Great Teacher"

The message of Hebrews to you and me: Christ Himself, the Son of God, is God's message, His active and ever-present voice to us here and now!

v.2-3 – Seven marvelous truths concerning God's Word to us:

1. Whom He appointed heir of all things
 - o Romans 11:33-36; Eph 1:10; Col 2:2-3
2. Through whom also He made the world.
 - o Col 1:16; John 1

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3. And He is the radiance of His glory.
 - o Col 1:27; 2 Cor 2:18
4. the exact representation of his nature
 - o Col 1:15
5. and upholds all things by the word (*rhema*) of His power
 - o Col 1:17
6. He made purification of sins
 - o Col 1:19-22; Rom 5:8,9
7. He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high
 - o HE SAT DOWN! John 19:30; 1 Pet 3:18

God is speaking to you through His Son! Do you know His Voice?

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Romans 6:10-19

Principles of Sanctification

4. Although sin can reign in or dominate our bodies, it does not need to.
 - We can "present the members of our bodies to sin" but we do not now have to! It's our choice.
 - Formerly: *non posse non peccare* to *posse non peccare* (Augustine)

Pre-Fall Man	Post-Fall Man	Reborn Man	Glorified Man
able to sin	able to sin	able to sin	able to not sin
able to not sin	unable to not sin	able to not sin	unable to sin

- Remember: sanctification takes place in our "will"