

## SANCTIFICATION: SET APART

1 **Thessalonians 5:23** – May God Himself sanctify you: spirit, soul and body.

**Justification: occurs in the spirit of man**

- Removes the **guilt** and **penalty** of sin
- An act done *for us* – once and final

**Sanctification: occurs in the soul (mind, will, emotions) of man**

- Removes the **growth** and **power** of sin
- A work done *in us* – ongoing process

## THE MIND SET

**Romans 8:5-8**

- The mind set on the flesh is death.
- The mind set on the Spirit is life and peace!

## OUR STRUGGLE

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“We stand perplexed and stupefied before the phenomena of Marxism and Bolshevism because we know nothing about man or, at any rate, have only a lopsided and distorted picture of him. If we had self-knowledge, that would not be the case. We stand face to face with the terrible question of evil and do not even know what is before us, let alone what to pit against it. And even if we did know, we still could not understand how it could happen here.”  
 (Carl Jung, Swiss psychologist & psychiatrist)

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“What element is lacking so that with all our skill and all our knowledge we still find ourselves in the dark valley of discord and enmity? What is it that inhibits us from going forward together to enjoy the fruits of human endeavor and to reap the harvest of human experience? Why is it that, for all our professed ideals, our hopes, and our skills, peace on earth is still a distant objective seen only dimly through the storms and turmoils of our present difficulties?.”  
 (U Thant, former Secretary General of the United Nations)

## OUR STRUGGLE

When a ship goes to sea, there are three essential questions its captain must address:

- Why are we out here?  
*(Essential Ethics)*
- How do we keep from bumping into other ships?  
*(Social Ethics)*
- How do we keep from sinking?  
*(Individual Ethics)*

## OUR STRUGGLE

**Eph. 6:10-19** – “The Schemes of the Devil”  
 The Letter to the Ephesians  
 God’s eternal purpose is to establish and complete His body—His Church!  
 The Position of believers: **Eph. 1:3-3:21** (Why are we out here?)  
 The Practice of Believers: **Eph. 4:1-6:9** (How do we keep from bumping into to others?)  
 The Protection of Believers: **Eph. 6:10-19** (How do we keep from sinking?)



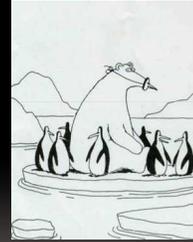
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**Eph. 6:10-19** – “The Schemes of the Devil”

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“And now Edgar’s gone....  
Something’s going on around here.”



**Hebrews 2:1**



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**Eph. 6:10-12** – “The Schemes of the Devil”

- The best answer for evil in the world is the existence of a real realm of fallen spiritual beings.
  - 2001 Barna survey: showed that 68% of Americans believe in “the devil.”
  - 2002 Barna Poll: 59% Say Devil’s Just “Symbol of Evil”
  - People with post-graduate degrees believe in: Hell (53%); Miracles (72%); Survival of the Soul After death (78%); The Virgin birth (60%); The resurrection of Christ (64%)
  - What about the Bible?
    - The Bible speaks often of the Devil: seven books in the OT and every writer in the New Testament refers to Satan.
    - Of the 29 NT references, Jesus is speaking in 25 of them!



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CS Lewis wrote in his *Screwtape Letters* that Satan’s greatest achievement was *in convincing mankind that he does not exist.*

“It is one thing to describe an interview with a gorgon or a griffin, a creature who does not exist. It is another thing to discover that the rhinoceros does exist and then take pleasure in the fact that he looks as if he didn’t.” (G.K. Chesterton, *Orthodoxy*)



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- Jesus treats Satan as a personal individual.
  - Matthew 4:1-11** – “Be gone, Satan!” (v.10)
  - Luke 22:31,32** – Satan makes demands for us!
  - John 8:44,45** – “you are of your father the devil”
  - The main argument against a literal devil amongst liberal theologians is that Jesus didn’t believe it Himself, but was just going along with the superstitions and ignorance of His day.
    - “I cannot agree with those optimistic people who try to dismiss Satan as a figment of the imagination. They are wrong. There is a real devil.” (Tozer, *Jesus is Victor!*)



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- Who is Satan?
  - Traditionally, there isn’t a branch of systematic theology concerning him.
    - He was created by Jesus – **Col. 1:16**
    - We are given a glimpse into his history through two OT passages: **Isaiah 14:12-15** and **Ezekiel 28:11-19**
    - Ezekiel 28:11-19**
      - Satan was the chief reflector of God’s glory.
        - Satan is the wisest of all God’s created beings (v.12) – “seal of perfection, full of wisdom”



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### 3. Who is Satan?

- He was the most beautiful of God’s creatures (v.12) – “perfect in beauty”
- He probably used this wisdom to occupy the highest and most important post in the administration of the universe
- Satan was probably God’s prime minister.
- He was to speak for God, administering the universe in God’s name
- He was to direct the worship and obedience of all created beings back to God.



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### • Isaiah 14:12-15 – The Five “I Wills”

1. “**I will** ascend into heaven” – Satan wanted to take God’s abode away from Him (self will)
2. “**I will** raise my throne above the stars of God” – Satan wanted to rule over the angelic beings (self exaltation)
3. “**I will** sit on the mount of assembly” – Satan wanted to rule over the Earth (self enthronement)
4. “**I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds” – Satan wanted to displace God’s rule (self ascension)
5. “**I will** make myself like the Most High” – Satan wanted to be God! (self deification)



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Though Satan has many schemes through which he works, he has one clear objective: to get us to look to *ourselves* (reason) and *away from Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life* (Revelation)! – Gn 3:1 & Mt 3:17-4:11

- Some of his titles:
  - Liar
  - Accuser
  - Tempter
  - Deceiver
- The Destroyer (to ruin, to spoil, to tear down, to break up, to demolish, to do away with, to kill, to subdue, to defeat, to crush, to render useless or ineffective)