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# A Meal With Missionaries



Thursday @ 7pm





# Stockholm Syndrome

"...where victims develop positive feelings towards their captors and sympathy for their causes and goals and having negative feelings toward police & authorities"

#### X. Christian Holiness and Entire Sanctification



10. We believe that sanctification is the work of God which transforms believers into the likeness of Christ. It is wrought by God's grace through the Holy Spirit in initial sanctification, or regeneration (simultaneous with justification), entire sanctification, and the continued perfecting work of the Holy Spirit culminating in glorification. In glorification we are fully conformed to the image of the Son.

We believe that entire sanctification is that act of God, subsequent to regeneration, by which believers are made free from original sin, or depravity, and brought into a state of entire devotement to God, and the holy obedience of love made perfect.

It is wrought by the baptism with or infilling of the Holy Spirit, and comprehends in one experience the cleansing of the heart from sin and the abiding, indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, empowering the believer for life and service.

Entire sanctification is provided by the blood of Jesus, is wrought instantaneously by grace through faith, preceded by entire consecration; and to this work and state of grace the Holy Spirit bears witness.

# Highlights:

- The work of God
- After we are "saved"
- Gives freedom from Original Sin
- Complete surrender to God
- Holy obedience
- Motivated by Perfect Love

### Highlights (contd.):

- Transforms + Empowers a believer
- Living the Christian, or Christlike, life with His nature

Saved: You get all of Jesus

Sanctified: Jesus gets all of you

"For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives."

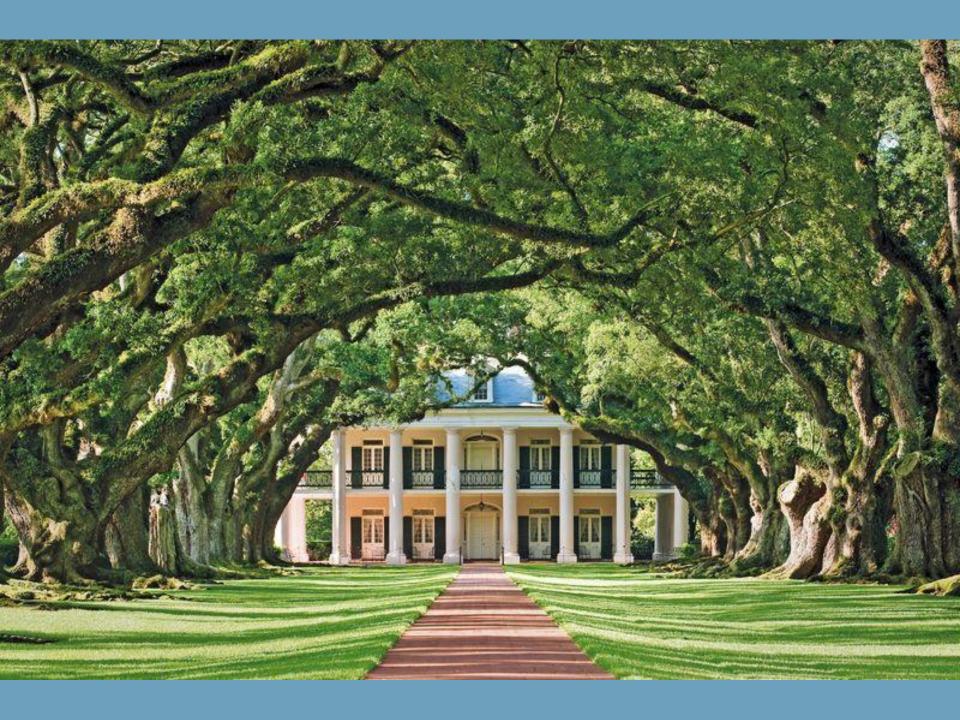
"We are no longer slaves to sin. <sup>7</sup> For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin... <sup>16</sup> Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey?"

"You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living... Because of the weakness of your human nature, I am using the illustration of slavery

"Previously, you let yourselves be slaves to impurity and lawlessness, which led ever deeper into sin. Now you must give yourselves to be slaves to righteous living so that you will become holy."

#### After we are "saved":

- We are freed
- We have a choice to make
- Obey sin or respond to God



#### After we are "saved":

- A desire to be better
- We want to live like Christ
- We WANT the fruit of the Spirit
  - Love
  - Joy
  - Peace
  - Patience

- Kindness
- Faithfulness
- Gentleness
- Self-control

# Not experiencing fruit:

- Fake it?
- Try harder?
- Give up on it happening to us?
- Same life but different eternity?

# 1 John 3:6 (NLT)

"Anyone who continues to live in him will not sin. But anyone who keeps on sinning does not know him or understand who he is."

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"16 So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. <sup>17</sup> The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants."

"And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions."

"19 When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger,

"selfish ambition, dissension, division, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

"22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

"24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have <u>nailed the passions</u> and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.

"25 Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives."

### Battling God & self?:

- Do you put Jesus on the shelf?
- Do you find yourself falling into temptation more often than not?
- Are an angel and devil always battling on your shoulders?

# The Holy Spirit will:

- Cleanse us from sin
- Replace our sinful nature
- Empower us
- Equip us
- If we surrender...

### A Holy Life:

- Motivated by Pure Love
  - Love for God, first
  - Love for others, above self
- Continually grows in Christlikeness
- Bears the fruit of the Spirit

