

“SANCTIFICATION”

Romans 6:1-2

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Intro: “What do you want out of life?” --- “What do you REALLY want?”

Do you want to make much of Jesus? Do you want to become more like Him?

Does Christ & Christ-likeness DEFINE YOU today?

For “*justified*,” “*saved*,” *biblical believers*, the answer is, *Yes and Amen!*”

T/S: Today... focus on **6:1-2**... build **theological framework for “Sanctification”**

Today = Help you to KNOW, GROW, & GO!

WHAT?

***** VIDEO: “Definition of Sanctification”**

Key = Justification is not the finish line... but the starting line!

ILLUSTRATION: Justification = Lazarus coming out of the tomb... made alive!
(Lazarus)

Sanctification = Progressive removal of grave clothes; revealing new you!

Justification was the “transaction” (You were declared innocent)

Sanctification is the “transformation” (You now live your new life)

HOW?

***** VIDEO: “Sanctifying Grace” (Driscoll)**

Sanctification is the “Narrow Path” ... between two highways headed to hell

The LEGALISTS insist.... **“You MUST Do!”**

The LIBERTINES demand... **“I GET To!”**

Between them... **“Want To’s”**

GRACE GROWS! **“Have to’s” become “Get to’s”**
Worship, Trust, Love, Serve, and Obey... JOYFULLY!

"What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? – Romans 6:1-2

Sanctification = Synonymous w/ Spiritual Health

Here's a Personal, Prayerful, & Biblical... E.K.G./Growth Chart to help!

John 17:17 **"Sanctify them in the truth; Your Word is truth."**

Sermon on the Mount = Jesus promised that each of these would be ***"Blessed"***

Mourning.....	Flippant	Matthew 5:4
Meekness.....	Pompous	Matthew 5:5
Righteousness.....	Worldly	Matthew 5:6
Merciful.....	Callous	Matthew 5:7
Purity of Heart.....	Manipulative	Matthew 5:8
Peace-Making.....	Instigator	Matthew 5:9
Persecuted.....	Hiding	Matthew 5:10
Salt.....	Bland	Matthew 5:13
Light.....	Dim/Dark	Matthew 5:14

Birth of the Church = ***They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.***

Devoting.....	Distracted	Acts 2:42
Learning.....	Ignorant	Acts 2:42
Fellowship.....	Disconnected	Acts 2:42
Prayer.....	Out of Touch	Acts 2:42
Experiencing.....	Evaluating	Acts 2:43
Community.....	Independent	Acts 2:44
Selfless-Sharing.....	Selfishness	Acts 2:45
Consistency.....	Inconsistency	Acts 2:46
Authenticity.....	Superficial	Acts 2:47
Praising God.....	Grumbling	Acts 2:47
Influential.....	Ignored	Acts 2:47
Finding.....	Forgetting	Acts 2:47
Discipleship.....	Drifting	Acts 2:42-47

Biblical Love = Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails...

Loving Patience.....	Impatient	1 Corinthians 3:4
Loving Kindness.....	Unkind	1 Corinthians 3:4
Loving Confidence.....	Jealousy	1 Corinthians 3:4
Loving Humility.....	Arrogance	1 Corinthians 3:4
Loving Respect.....	Rudeness	1 Corinthians 3:5
Loving Selflessness.....	Self-Seeking	1 Corinthians 3:5
Loving Long-Suffering.....	Easily-Angered	1 Corinthians 3:5
Loving Forgiveness.....	Grudge-Holding	1 Corinthians 3:5
Loving Righteousness.....	Shady	1 Corinthians 3:6
Loving Joy-with-Truth.....	Loving the lie	1 Corinthians 3:6
Loving Protection.....	Self-Preservation	1 Corinthians 3:7
Loving Trust.....	Skeptic	1 Corinthians 3:7
Loving Hope.....	Pessimist	1 Corinthians 3:7
Loving Perseverance.....	Quitter	1 Corinthians 3:7
Loving Completeness.....	Failure	1 Corinthians 3:8

God's Fruit of the Spirit = But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...

Spirit-filled Love.....	Imitation love	Galatians 5:22
Spirit-filled Joy.....	Circumstantial joy	Galatians 5:22
Spirit-filled Peace.....	Fleeting peace	Galatians 5:22
Spirit-filled Patience.....	Periodic patience	Galatians 5:22
Spirit-filled Kindness.....	Calculated	Galatians 5:22
Spirit-filled Goodness.....	Evil	Galatians 5:22
Spirit-filled Faithfulness.....	Sinfulness	Galatians 5:22
Spirit-filled Gentleness.....	Mean	Galatians 5:23
Spirit-filled Self-Control.....	Slave to Sin	Galatians 5:23

Other Scriptures

He is my Treasure.....Idolatry Matthew 13:44

The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Commit to Christ..... Contemplation Jeremiah 29:13

You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.

Rejoicing in the Lord..... Jesus "plus" Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

Abiding in Him..... My Way John 15:5

I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

Scriptural Authority..... Self-Ruling 2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness...

Die to Self..... Live to Sin Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Radical Transformation..... Surface Clean-up 2 Corinthians 5:17

if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

Obedience..... Disobedience John 3:36

He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

Holiness.....Worldly 1 Peter 1:15

like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior...

Serve.....Served Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

Example.....Excuse 2 Peter 1:3

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness

Zeal.....Luke-Warm Titus 2:14

He gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

Going.....Sitting Acts 1:8

you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem (locally), and in all Judea and Samaria (regionally), and even to the remotest part of the earth (globally)."

Discipling.....Deceiving Matthew 28:19

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit...

Biblical Unity.....Dividers Ephesians 4:3

Zealously protect the unity of the Spirit...

Courage.....Fearful Isaiah 35:4

Say to those with anxious heart, "Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come with vengeance; the recompense of God will come, but He will save you."

Warriors.....Worriers 1 Samuel 17:48
(a.k.a. Living on OFFENSE vs. DEFENSE)

As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him.

Relationship.....Religion John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the Truth And the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Cross-Carrying.....Cross-Avoidance Luke 14:27

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

Christ-likeness.....Playing Church 1 John 2:6

Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

Sheep.....Wolves Matthew 10:16

I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as Innocent as doves.

Calling Out.....Wolf-Watching Titus 1:11

They (false teachers) must be silenced, because they are ruining whole households...

Lovers.....Liars

1 John 3:18

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

Family.....Fakes

1 Corinthians 5:9-13

*I have written you in my letter not to associate with immoral people—not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. But now I am writing you that **you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler.** With such a man do not even eat. What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? God will judge those outside. **“Expel the wicked man from among you.”***

(Wives) Submit & Respect.....Control & Complain

Ephesians 5:24

Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

(Husbands) Lead, Love & Lay Down Lives.....Relational Laziness

Ephesians 5:25

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

(Children) Obey.....Reject Authority

Ephesians 6:1

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother”

Freedom.....Bondage

John 8:32 & 36

you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free... and He who the Son sets free is free indeed”

Unpopular (Hated).....Popular/Accepted John 15:18

If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first.

God-Honoring.....Envy James 3:16

*For where you have envy and selfish ambition,
there you find disorder and every evil practice.*

Christianity.....Consumerism 2 Timothy 4:3

***For the time will come when men will not put up
with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own
desires, they will gather around them a great
number of teachers to say what their itching ears
want to hear.***

Being (Mary).....Busy (Martha) Luke 10-11

Fleeing Sin.....Fickle in Sin 1 Corinthians 6:18

Flee immorality...

Forsaking All.....Holding-Back Acts 5

*But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira,
sold a piece of property, and kept back some of the
price for himself, with his wife's full knowledge...*

Tested.....Troubled Isaiah 48:10

***"Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver;
I have tested you in the furnace of affliction.***

Biblical Context.....Rationalization 2 Timothy 2:15

***Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as
a workman... accurately handling the word of truth.***

Slave.....Master Romans 1:1

*Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle,
set apart for the gospel of God..*

Victory.....Defeated 1 John 5:4

***For whatever is born of God overcomes the
world; and this is the victory that has overcome
the world—our faith.***

Helper.....Hellpppp Jude 23

save others, snatching them out of the fire...

Trust.....Doubt Jeremiah 17:7

***Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD
And whose trust is the LORD.***

Repentance.....Status Quo Revelation 3:19

***Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline;
therefore be zealous and repent.***

WHY? * VIDEO: Paul Washer: "Hard Preaching"**

The Full Armor of God

Strong-in-the-Lord.....	Spiritually Anemic	Ephesians 6:10
Armor-Wearing.....	Ill-Equipped	Ephesians 6:11
Standing Firm.....	Stumbling	Ephesians 6:11
Vigerously Fighting the Devil.....	Passive P.O.W.	Ephesians 6:12
Overcoming.....	Overwhelmed	Ephesians 6:13

I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed! - Galatians 1:6-9

Heart-Protected-by-Righteousness.....	Flirt with Sin	Ephesians 6:14
Prepared-in-Peace.....	Unsettled	Ephesians 6:15
Shielded by Faith.....	Self-Reliant	Ephesians 6:16
Arrow Extinguishing.....	Set ablaze	Ephesians 6:16
Eternal Assurance.....	Waffling	Ephesians 6:17
Sword-Wielding	Biblically Illiterate	Ephesians 6:17
Prayer Warrior.....	Costume Wearer	Ephesians 6:18
Be on alert.....	No-Big-Deal	Ephesians 6:18
Persevere.....	Compromise	Ephesians 6:18
Boldly Witness.....	Water-down	Ephesians 6:19

CLOSE: Brothers, Sisters... we are in a war!

This is personal... God is calling & commanding you to progressive righteousness...

These are dangerous days... in need of devoted disciples.

The time is NOW... The means of ministry is YOU...

Where do you fit on the front lines?

WHO? & WHEN? * VIDEO: “Live Dangerously Now”**

We should be embarrassed for not living dangerously.

**“Maintaining the status quo is the most eloquent form of suicide...
the ironic thing is that you feel good as you die.”**

**May Your grace grow in us & thru us...
...to the detriment of the devil...
...and the Glory or God. AMEN!**