

Spiritual Journey of Formation
Stages of the Spiritual Journey
October 24, 2024

CCC Christian Holiness 2012 – 2015 / Handout

Purgative Stage:

CCC #1030

Readings:

- **Micah 7:9:** St. Jerome considered this verse to be a clear proof of purgatory.
- **Malachi 3:3:** This verse describes God purifying the sons of Levi like gold and silver.
- **Luke 9:23:** This verse says, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me".
- **1 Corinthians 9:26-27:** This verse says, "So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control"

Illuminative Stage:

Readings:

- **Luke 9:23:** "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me"
- **2 Corinthians 12:** "My power is made perfect in weakness"

Unitive Stage:

Readings:

1 Corinthians 6:17, where Paul says, "He who is joined to the Lord is one spirit,"

Galatians 2:20: "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."

John 15:4: "Abide in me, as I also abide in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me."

Reflection and Sharing:

Where, in your personal life, do you see the Lord wanting to purge you?

Where do you see attachments in your own life that need to be purified/purged?

*Homework: the *Confessions* of St Augustine

Next Zoom classes:

November 21, 2024 7 – 9pm

Fulfillment of All Desire: Chapter 3 & 4

December 5, 2024 7 – 9pm

Fulfillment of All Desire Chapters 3 & 4