2Thess #118

All Christians are sanctified.

We will open back up in 2Thessalonians chapter two verse 13 and read the ending of that chapter to get us back on track.

We just spent 3 hours opening up the doctrine of Election & Predestination and the fact that Jesus Christ died for everyone. I clarified UNLIMITED ATONEMENT affiliated with the theology of election and predestination.

I am hopeful those 3 hours coupled with the other older lessons on these doctrines, has given you a comfort and knowledge to fully accept what those doctrines and terms truly mean.

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[2Th 2:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/2/14/s_1118014) It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

[2Th 2:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/2/15/s_1118015) So then, brothers *and sisters,* stand firm and hold on to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word *of mouth* or by letter from us.

Remember the Apostle Paul is dealing with a newer congregation and they had allowed false teaching to invade the church.

False teaching about the chronological order of the end time events.

[2Th 2:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/2/16/s_1118016) Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace,

[2Th 2:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/2/17/s_1118017) comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.

/2Thes 2:13 - *through sanctification (hagiasmos) by the Spirit ;*

To be divinely purified, consecrated, cleansed and set apart. Entered into a heavenly relationship, placed in a unique and holy position as a saint. Made pure by the ministry of God the Holy Spirit.\

HOGEE-AS-MOS, to be set apart, to become a holy saint or blameless. To be washed clean. There are about 3 or 4 versions of this word HOLY and SAINT in the Koine Greek - and all them basically mean the same thing.

Jump over to Hebrews chapter ten RF.

As we begin to look at the doctrine of sanctification, let me touch on a few core principles about GOD the HS.

It is part of HIS ministry that washes us clean at salvation – the moment of true faith alone in Christ alone.

*/* The baptism of the Spirit begins the Church Age —

Acts 1:5 for **John baptized with water**, but **you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now.”

 (Act 2:3-4, Act 11:15-17) \

This never occurred in any previous dispensation. \

All OT Bels had leaders and prophets who were anointed by God the HS – not filled by the power of the HS. The SPIRIT came upon OT Bels like a veil, covering them and lifted off again.

The HS worked in dreams and vison – the filling power an being indwelt by the Trinity is seen in the Church age dispensation only.

 REPEAT

/The baptism of the Spirit is not designed as an overwhelming emotional experience of any kind. Speaking in tongues on the day of Pentecost and within the early church was not carried over after the foundation of the church.

 (1Cor 13:8-13, Isa 28:9-13) \

After the completed canon of scripture many temporary gifts were done away with.

The speaking of tongues was prophesized as a reprimand toward the nation of Israel not a standard for the new CA, it is seen in Isaiah 28.

The emphasis is now on the WORD, also seen in Isa 28.

This is why I warn that many Christians are wrapped up in emotional nonsense like healing, signs, wonders, tongues and water baptism.

All done away with after the early formation of the church – especially at the point of the completed canon of scripture.

/1Cor 12:13 **For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body**, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Eph 4:5 one Lord, one faith, **one baptism,** \

The baptism of the Spirit occurs at the moment we believe in Jesus Christ — /Col 2:11 and **in Him you were also circumcised**with a circumcision performed without hands, in the **removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ,** 12 having been **buried with Him in baptism**, in which you were **also raised with Him** through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.\

The symbolism of water baptism was on public display to establish the church and point forward into the future of the Church Age.

Basically, all words for sanctification point to some form of separation into purity, therefore a relationship with GOD which is also viewed as a legal binding contract.

If you understand the finished work of Jesus Christ and the fact that everything is filtered through the justice system of GOD, then you recognize how serious and everlasting salvation is.

 REPEAT

When GOD allows anything to go through HIS justice system it is legally binding, HE cannot go back on HIS word.

The agency of sanctification is seen for us in the person and work of GOD the Son – Jesus Christ.

GOD the Holy Spirit and the WORD.

3 imperative ingredients in sanctification.

In Hebrews chapter ten it highlights higher levels of spiritual maturity and the plan of GOD the Father for the CA.

Right from verse one – it explains the Mosaic Law was not designed for salvation. No one can achieve salvation by following rules.

Let us first look at the Son of God, Jesus Christ —

Heb 10:8 After saying above, “SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS AND WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND OFFERINGS FOR SIN YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, NOR HAVE YOU TAKEN PLEASURE *IN THEM*” (which are offered according to the Law),

Much of this written here in Heb 10 - comes from Psalms chapter 40. A Psalm from David about how we have faith and trust in our LORD. Even when afflicted it is our faith and trust and obedience to HIS word that matters, not works.

Everything David accomplished was by being inculcated with BD.

Just as the humanity of Christ walked in divine integrity throughout HIS ministry. It was all reliant upon the word and the sustaining power of GOD the HS.

/[Heb 10:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/10/9/s_1143009) then He said, “BEHOLD, **I HAVE COME TO DO YOUR WILL**.” **He takes away the first in order to establish the second.**

Jesus Christ in HIS humanity, submitted to the plan of GOD the Father from birth until seated at the right hand. HE had free will! The humanity of Christ is our divine connection in the CA.\

Notice what the humanity of Christ did, was to fulfill – Jesus fulfilled everything from the OT commands and laws as well as prophecy.

/Heb 10:9 – *HE takes away (anaireō) the first in order to establish (histēmi) the second.*

To abolish and remove – do away with, put to death because it is complete.

To establish a firm foundation, to stand in something, to fix or set into place with strength.\

EYE-NAH-LAY-O, to abolish, to put to death or to carry away or remove.

HIS-STEM-EE, to stand firm and make strong. Written in the aorist tense to show us it was already done.

You know there is a solid reason we have the Bible broken into two testaments – the Old and the New.

A testament means a covenant. Jesus Christ fulfilled the old and brought in the NEW!

/Ezk 37:26 “And **I will make a covenant of peace with them;** it will be an **everlasting** **covenant** with them. And I will place them and multiply them, and set **My sanctuary in their midst forever**.

 (Future tense in OT prophecy)

(Ezk 16:60, Jer 32:40, Luk 22:20, 1Cor 11:25) \

THE NEW Covenant in MY blood - is what Jesus said at the last supper.

Both Believers of the OT and those of the CA, have a new covenant.

The old covenant was fulfilled.

The grace plan of GOD is fully realized in the Church Age.

/[Heb 10:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/10/10/s_1143010) By this will, **we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all *time.***

Made holy, saints set apart, by the person and work of Jesus Christ. Brought into royalty and a NEW Priesthood because of our union with Christ.\

Heb 10:11 Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins;

Ritual sacrifices meant absolutely nothing if the humanity of Christ did not complete HIS earthly ministry – death, burial, resurrection and then ascension and session.

The blood of animals means nothing unless TLJC was born of a virgin and went to that cross.

It was all teaching tools and symbolic rituals that immediately should have stopped at the death of Christ on that cross.

Only ONE precious Lamb could pay for the sins of the entire world - TLJC.

Even the original man and woman in the garden – when our Lord covered their nakedness of sin with innocent animal pelts, it pointed thousands of years ahead to that hill on Calvary.

Jesus Christ covered the sins of Adam and Eve not just dead animal skins.

/[Heb 10:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/10/12/s_1143012) but He, having offered **one sacrifice for sins for all time**, **SAT DOWN** AT **THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD**,

ONE and DONE – eternal security, Unlimited Atonement! HIS session at the right hand of GOD, sealed all legal proclamations from eternity past.\

[Heb 10:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/10/13/s_1143013) waiting from that time onward UNTIL HIS ENEMIES ARE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET.

[Heb 10:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/10/14/s_1143014) For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

/The shadows of the OT teachings, rituals and symbology became a reality in CHRIST. When the reality comes the shadows depart. Therefore the Mosaic law has been abrogated in favor of the new covenant and reality, fulfilled in The Lord Jesus Christ – the person and work. HE has perfected for ALL time (eternal security) those who have been made saints (sanctified), washed and set apart in HIS purity and righteousness.\

God the HS is also imperative for the sanctification process. Christ did the physical work – the SPIRIT brings a supernatural ministry once we fully accept the person and work of Jesus Christ.

/Rom 15:15 But I have written very boldly to you on some points so as to remind you again, **because of the grace that was given to me from God,** 16 to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, **ministering as a priest** the gospel of God, so that *my* offering of the Gentiles may become acceptable, **sanctified by the Holy Spirit.\**

The Apostle Paul speaking upon God’s grace plan as a Bel priest.

The cleansing ministry of God the HS.

The Gospel of Christ – Gospel of God, TLJC is GOD!

Which points us right back to our current study;

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The Word of God is the third ingredient of our sanctification —

/John 17:17 “**Sanctify them in the truth**; Your word is truth.

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as **Christ also loved the church** and **gave Himself up for her,** 26 so that He might sanctify her, **having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word**,\

Notice Christ - *might sanctify the church*, because FREE WILL matters.

TLJC gave HIMSELF up for the whole world, yet the whole world does not believe upon HIM.

Many have chosen to remain in the filth and wickedness of the OSN - even though a supernatural cleansing and eternal life awaits them, the saving work was done.

The word is the mind of Christ – the word is the good news of the person and work of TLJC.

The word must be digested in some form or fashion, then faith must be applied.

 REPEAT

A tiny mustard seed of faith is all that is needed – yet it has to be directed and motivated toward the right person and work. Real faith needs a real target!

/All Bels are sanctified, pure, righteous and seen as saints in the heavens. It does not matter of cultural or social status, skin color or background. It is the precise matter of who you cling onto after you recognize you are a helpless and hopeless sinner. That moment of honest despair, is when is the narrow gate that leads to heaven opens up. There is no human merit or work involved. It is nothing but a positive affirmation from the free will, GOD graciously gave you in eternity past.\