1Thess #64

Experiential Sanctification

Let us open today by covering the key principles from last lesson;

/Phase one sanctification: Baptism of the Holy Spirit; Salvation and the grace gifts.

Phase two sanctification: Operation of two power options (filling of the HS & Word) experiential sanctification, growth leading to SM;

Phase three sanctification: absent from the body, face to face with the Lord in a resurrection body forever. \

We noted phase one sanctification last lesson (positional truth).

As I taught you last lesson the word sanctification once you tear it apart has three Greek words – really root words, that come together to mean similar definitions.

With only slight variations. Basically, all words for sanctification connote some form of separation into a new standing, purified, cleansed and under new contract - therefore a new relationship is highlighted.

The 3 legal agents of sanctification –

1. The Son of God, Jesus Christ —

Heb 10:10-14 (humanity)

 2) The Holy Spirit — Rom 15:16, 2Thess 2:13;

3) The Word of God — John 17:17; Ephesians 5:26.

Phase one of sanctification: positional truth. Your position was changed for all of eternity, there is nothing you did to earn or deserve it and nothing you can do to lose that position.

You are forever in union with Christ. Phase one and phase three of sanctification are available to ALL Bels – WINNER OR LOSER!

/Phase two sanctification (experiential) is the pathway that leads to maturity and possibly a super-grace life. It is the combination of a maximum amount of time walking in the new nature and the amount of BD absorbed and utilized in the soul structure.\

By the daily function of the grace plan of God being applied over a prolonged period of time the entrance into the super-grace life is accomplished.

That is the area of experiential or phase two sanctification.

Experiential speaks to right now in time – the temporal life you walk every day!

/Phase three sanctification is the Bel in his/her resurrection body. This is often called ultimate sanctification —

Rom 8:29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* **conformed to the image of His Son**, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers *and sisters;*

(1Cor 1:7-8, Phlp 3:21, 1Thes 5:23, 1Jhn 3:1-2) \

There are some other terms used in theology that are connected with ultimate sanctification, beside resurrection. Many of these are words which indicate some of the results of resurrection.

No old sin nature – because it was nailed to the Cross of Christ. The removal of all of the human good, anything you did in the flesh within this lifetime is wiped clean.

/Jude 1:24 Now to Him who is able to protect you from stumbling, and to **make you stand in the presence of His glory, blameless**with great joy,\

In the original context it points to this term *-“He has done exceedingly abundantly,”* we have two words that indicate ultimate sanctification.

Spotless – perfect, because of the work of TLJC.

Every Bel – winner or loser, will stand in perfection before TLJC at the Rapture of the church.

Every Bel – winner or loser will enter heaven and live forever in heavenly perfection, but that is not a guarantee of equality.

Equality exists at the moment of salvation when God’s grace plan is placed in front of every Bel at the moment of salvation. Those who move forward in God’s grace plan and take advantage of everything HE has given us, will experience their new position in time.

The principle of experiential sanctification in phase two, has several objectives.

/God’s grace plan is designed for the Bel to stand strong and move forward during this angelic warfare. It is to carry the Believer during the intensified stage of the angelic conflict, which began at the Cross of Christ. Free will is the key factor as to whether a Bel will advance in experiential sanctification or not.\

In this intensification stage of spiritual warfare which is the CA, every Believer is an ambassador for Christ and every Believer is a priest, therefore in full time Christian service.

This fact from the moment of salvation onward plus the intensification of the angelic conflict demands experiential sanctification.

To enter into the super-grace life a Bel has to achieve and maintain a high level of SM.

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/Another objective of experiential sanctification is to establish divine viewpoint in the devil’s world. The Bel who still dabbles in cosmic viewpoint will never solidify divine viewpoint and therefore will have less stability under pressure. This erodes spiritual growth and blocks advancement toward a super-grace life.\

Your norms and standards and viewpoint is either driven by BD or driven by the flesh.

God gave us at least 40 grace gifts at salvation to provide capacity for every Believer to be the beneficiary of grace under all circumstances and situations.

Yet God never steps upon free will – HE is a perfect gentleman.

/Another objective of experiential sanctification is to reach a higher capacity for love and a maximum occupation with the person of Jesus Christ. This can only be accomplished through consistent saturation of Bible doctrine, leading to the highest appreciation of Christ in this temporal life.\

I use the term saturation. Because the basic concept of reading your Bible occasionally, or going to church once a week, can not stop the cosmic system onslaught we face every day.

 One of the great objectives of the Christian life is to appreciate who and what Jesus Christ is right now on this earth, not waiting until we get to heaven.

The loser Bel has the attitude that once they get old enough or they finally get to heaven – then they will have time for God.

The race is now…the battle is all around you every day!

 The crowns, blessings and rewards are for those who stepped up in this temporal life.

/The next objective within experiential sanctification, is to glorify God through the establishment of the habitual application of BD. We glorify God through the structure of BD built in the soul which eventually guides us toward maturity and the Fruit of the Spirit becomes evident in our lifestyle.\

These objectives lead to the production of divine good.

When it is it falls into the category of gold, silver and precious stones, then we have accomplished something in this life that will glorify God forever.

All rewards in the future do not glorify the Bel who receives them, they glorify God’s grace who made them possible.

SM Bels reap the benefits and God is glorified by that!

Go to 2Corinthians chapter two RF.

Phase two sanctification (experiential) is fulfilling the tactical objective of the contract of sanctification.

Remember I explained to you last lesson the legal connotation of sanctification.

/Under the contract of sanctification (royalty & priesthood) God at the point of salvation has assigned us a certain amount of time, talent and treasure. God’s grace plan has allotments — Time to study the Bible, social life, business, and for everything. Talent - skills sets and intellect to have several abilities for recreation as well as employment. Treasure- enough for contentment and even abundance at different points in our walk.\

Under phase two sanctification, God’s grace plan is available for any Bel who wants to step up and accept what God gave us in this temporal life.

We have to make a conscious choice daily, to walk in our position.

At this point of 2Corinthians we see the Apostle Paul was wanting to return but had not.

The Bel in the church who had inappropriate sexual contact with a family member, was also trying to come back and being rejected even though they had repented.

The elders were upset with the Apostle Paul and this church member and there was a lot of strife in this congregation, at this historic point.

/2Cor 2:14 But **thanks be** (*charis*) **to God**, who always leads us in **triumph in Christ**, and through us reveals the fragrance of the knowledge of Him in every place.

Grace is from GOD! The Apostle Paul points to God’s grace and our positional sanctification -in UNION with Christ.\

CHA-RUS, means grace, it means favor from GOD – abundance from God.

Notice the fragrance of the knowledge – Paul is highlighting great principles here for BELS related to application in their life.

Our victory is always in Christ and the BD we have in our soul should be giving off a fragrant smell of the truth of who TLJC is!

[2Co 2:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2co/2/15/s_1080015) For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing:

Your life should be able to touch the Bel and the Unbel – what aroma does your life give off?

Only the pure sacrifices were fragrant aromas in rituals of sacrifices of the OT.

The sacrifices God approved of – the right thing done in the right way was considered a sweet aroma to GOD.

There is a lot of tough lessons wrapped up in this portion of 2Corinthians, related to legalistic Bels who were angry and unforgiving.

Angry at waiting on the Apostle Paul and also how he was teaching them to forgive and move forward.

They did not want to forgive the sexual indiscretion of the member who had repented and wanted to come back.

/Within Experiential Sanctification the Bels life will give off an aroma to those around them and to GOD Himself. For the Bels in your periphery, it should be to lead them toward truth and assist them in growth. For the Unbel it should lead them to the gospel of Christ.\

Is your life a sacrifice for the plan of God or for your own personal lust patterns?

/[2Co 2:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2co/2/16/s_1080016) to the **one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life**. And who is adequate for these things?

The negative Bel only ensures the Unbel lives in death and faces spiritual death in the end. Does your life lead others to eternal life and the truth of Christ? \

Your lifestyle is either a witness for Christ or endorsement for Satan.

[2Co 2:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2co/2/17/s_1080017) For we are not like the many, peddling the word of God, but as from sincerity, but as from God, we speak in Christ in the sight of God.

This has a hint of sarcasm for the legalistic leaders at Corinth. They were unforgiving and bitter.

They had allowed false teachers to enter into the congregation and they were upset with the Apostle Paul.

Paul wasn’t being arrogant – his life and his ministry was a sacrifice of true Christianity.

He took the time, talent and treasure God gave him and he laid his life down for the plan of God.

The Apostle Paul and his group of leaders like Luke, Titus, Timothy and Silas all understood and lived in their position in Christ. The Apostle Paul treated all Bels as members of the RF of God.

 If they failed he called them out in his leadership role. If they repented and came back he accepted them back into the fold.

We can’t be bitter, angry and unforgiving and be walking in our position in Christ.

Our experiential sanctification shows in our lifestyle. It gives off an aroma of our sacrifice toward GOD.

/The royal family on earth is called the body of Christ, the royal family in resurrection is called the bride of Christ, and the body of Christ is therefore under the principle of phase two sanctification (experiential). The Believer’s position (positional truth) is secured at salvation. Whether they choose to live in that position points to phase two sanctification.\

We will close today in Psalms chapter twenty-three.

The Believer who reaches a super-grace life has a huge capacity for life and love. They achieve a spiritual status called by some theologians - the capacity cup, and God pours blessing into that cup. God does the pouring and God gets the glory.

/The Bel who has a capacity cup that God can fill and over fill in abundance is the ultimate way to glorify GOD. All Bels can reach higher levels of capacity and have a cup that abundantly overflows. King David speaks of this super-grace blessing in Psalms 23. Men like Abraham, David, Job, Noah, Paul, Peter and John all had lives that abundantly overflowed to family and friends around them. \

Many Biblical heroes – men and women had capacity cups at certain points in their walk with God.

David is a good example – he had failure from time to time but for the most part David walked in his position of sanctification.

This Psalm is believed to be written when David was pushed out of his own kingdom by his bitter son Absalom.

King David wrote this knowing GOD would restore everything and bring justice into this very unjust circumstance.

/Psa 23:1 A Psalm of David. The LORD
is my shepherd, **I will not be in need**. 2 He lets me **lie down** in green pastures;
He **leads me beside quiet** waters.

The super-grace life is one where God is in complete control. HE can give us incomprehensible comfort and contentment. \

Even when adversity strikes the super-grace life is like a shield to keep that mature Bel content.

[Psa 23:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/23/3/s_501003) He restores my soul;
He guides me in the paths of righteousness For the sake of His name.

[Psa 23:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/23/4/s_501004) Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil, for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Illness, adversity and even death hold no power over a SM Bel who has a lifestyle of a capacity cup from GOD, full or overflowing.

King David was facing a grim circumstance and was having thoughts that perhaps it was an end for him.

Yet he did not fall apart - nor did he lose faith.

/[Psa 23:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/23/5/s_501005) You prepare a table before me **in the presence of my enemies**;
You have **anointed my head with oil;**
**My cup overflows**.

The presence of God the HS is active and even in front of those who have attacked us, we are led to prosperity or safety.\

The anointed oil on the head often was an analogy for the power of God the HS upon the life of a Bel.

[Psa 23:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/23/6/s_501006) Certainly goodness and faithfulness will follow me all the days of my life, And my dwelling *will be* in the house of the LORD forever.

The Bel living a super-grace life has the highest or strongest wall of fire of protection around them.

God always protects and blesses HIS word and a Bel whose soul is saturated with the mind of Christ – is given greater grace, greater insight and protection.