



BOOK 03 – CHAPTER 04 – STUDY 02

Sanctification Being Made Holy by the Word and the Spirit

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Sanctification in “Christ” (יהושע Jehoshua Hamashiach) is done by the power of the Holy Spirit operating through the knowledge that the Word of YHWH will give us.

Sanctification is not a single act but a lifelong process. It is the ongoing cooperation between the Spirit and the believer, where the old nature is crucified daily and the new nature takes form through obedience. Many confuse salvation with sanctification, but salvation begins the journey while sanctification perfects it. To be saved is to be invited into covenant; to be sanctified is to live faithfully inside that covenant until we are found spotless before YHWH.

To be sanctified, to be Justified and to be declared righteous are three different and separate things. Justification clears our record, Sanctification changes our condition, and Righteousness proves our transformation. Justification happens in the court of Heaven, Sanctification happens in the life of the believer, and Righteousness is the fruit that others can see. Without sanctification, justification remains a statement on paper instead of a living testimony written in our actions. This is why YHWH cannot complete His work in those who refuse obedience, because the Spirit only works in agreement with the Word. It is the Word and the Spirit working together that will cause this sanctification process to begin and occur in your life, but only after you have been declared Sanctified by YHWH will you only be able to become Righteous by YHWH.

Trying to achieve the state of holiness that our heavenly Father would like to bring us up into is completely impossible if we try to do it through our own flesh and without His guidance. Just like the example of how the Pharisees failed at righteousness through their invented laws, we must work on becoming righteous by obedience to YHWH’s true commandments and only then will we become Righteous. See B4-C05-S04- Torah vs Talmud Commandments of God or Traditions of Men.

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However, the Holy Spirit will not work with us on this sanctification process without us being obedient to the Word. Because obedience to the Word of YHWH will give us the blessings, the knowledge and the experience that we will need in order to be able to work with the Holy Spirit toward that sanctification.

The Spirit and the Word are inseparable partners in this work. The Word reveals truth; the Spirit gives power to live it. When the believer ignores the Word, the Spirit remains grieved and silent. When the Word is obeyed, the Spirit confirms it by transforming the inner man. This is why spiritual growth is never by emotion but by submission. You cannot pray your way into sanctification while disobeying the Scriptures that sanctify you.

1 Peter 1:2 (KJV) Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of “Christ” (יהושע Jehoshua Hamashiach): Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

Sanctification: Strong's Number: G38

Strong's Definition: properly purification that is (the state) **purity**; concretely (by Hebraism) a purifier.

Sanctified: Strong's Number: G37

Strong's Definition: **to make holy that is (ceremonially)** purify or consecrate; (mentally) to venerate.

So, we can now understand that to be Sanctified means to be ceremonially pure, or ceremonially Holy. And what is the purpose of “Ceremony”? It is to reflect our beliefs, hopes, traditions, culture, and spirituality. A ceremony can help to show people they are united and that they belong. They can motivate us, stimulate our emotions, and prompt memories. **In other words, we are sanctified so we can worship YHWH while we are in a pure and Holy state.**

We have to know exactly what it is that YHWH wants to do or change about ourselves before the Holy Spirit will move to cause some of these changes to start to take place in us. **John 17:17 (KJV)** Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

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We can really tell there is something different about the person who is being properly sanctified by the Holy Spirit. This person does not flaunt his piety, goodness, or holiness. They are very humble about it. Everything they do comes from the heart and everything appears to be done very naturally. There is no pretentiousness or sense of false piety in their actions or attitudes.

This sense of real holiness they are projecting through their personalities literally has a drawing power to it. You find yourself gravitating to these types of people. You can almost sense or see radiance or a glow about them. The love of YHWH just radiates from their countenance. You are very comfortable in being in their presence and talking with them. You can see that their Piety is genuine and that it really is coming from the heart of YHWH Himself.

This purity/sanctification is for the real disciples of “Christ” (יהושע Jehoshua Hamashiach). A good example of this are the **9 Fruits of the Holy Spirit**. The Disciples will be diving into YHWH and His Word to find out exactly what it is He wants to do with them and then will only be too anxious to work with the Holy Spirit during this process; having no fear of doing it and being willing to fully submit to the Lord with how He wants to handle all of it.

The following verses in particular are giving you the “key” that will open up this door of purity/sanctification to come into your life and change it forever.

Romans 8:12-17 (KJV) Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. **13** For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. **14** For as many as are led by the Spirit of YHWH, they are the sons of God. **15** For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. **16** The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of YHWH: **17** And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Hamashiach; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

If it wasn’t enough, here is more proof that there is always more to salvation than just believing or getting baptized for “a show” of expression.

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2 Thessalonians 2:13 (KJV) But we are bound to give thanks alway to YHWH for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because YHWH hath from the beginning chosen you to **salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:**

Salvation “through” sanctification”, in other words **sanctification comes before salvation.**

1 Corinthians 6:11 (KJV) And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord “Christ” (יהוֹשֻׁעַ Jehoshua Hamashiach), and by the Spirit of our God.

“Christ” (יהוֹשֻׁעַ Joshua Hamashiach) can cleanse and sanctify His church, which are the individual body of believers and disciples, by the “washing of water by the word.” In other words, you can be washed clean by His Word if you are willing to “soak” into the Scripture verses. **Ephesians 5:25-27 (KJV)** Husbands, love your wives, even as Hamashiach also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That He might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Psalm 119:9-12 (KJV) Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. **10** With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. **11** Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. **12** Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes.

Your soul can become purified by “obeying the truth through the Spirit.” You can only get YHWH’s truth in you if you read His Word. Learn the truth by studying His word and then combine the truth with walking in the power of the Holy Spirit, so your soul can become purified. In other words, you can walk with a clear conscience. **1 Peter 1:22-23 (KJV)** Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of YHWH, which liveth and abideth for ever.

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The truth from YHWH can set you free in many areas of your life – but you first have to learn what those truths are before they can start to work in setting you free. And the only way to find the spiritual truths that will change the quality of your life and help set you free is by reading and studying from the Bible.

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV) Study to shew thyself approved unto YHWH, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (KJV) All scripture is given by inspiration of YHWH, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **17** That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

When YHWH starts to purify/sanctify you, He will consecrate and set you apart unto Himself. He will transform you by the renewing of your mind, He will want to transform you into the express image of His Son.

Galatians 4:9 (KJV) But now, after that ye have known YHWH, or rather are known of YHWH, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

James 1:21-22 (KJV) Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. **22** But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Many struggle because they expect holiness to appear overnight. They misunderstand the difference between being forgiven and being purified. Forgiveness cancels the penalty of sin; sanctification destroys the power of sin. That is why the process requires patience, correction, and continual surrender. The Spirit exposes what still needs to die, and the Word trains the believer how to crucify it. Only through this partnership does the image of Christ begin to appear in us.

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Why does sanctification take time?

Why doesn't YHWH immediately purify/sanctify His children?

The majority of Pastors teach that the spiritual disciplines YHWH requires of His children are easy and that spiritual maturity is easily attained. They teach that purification/sanctification is automatic so that they do not have to work at being like Hamashiach.

Most "Christians" much rather YHWH give them a spiritual pill to instantly make them be like "Christ" (יהוֹשֻׁעַ Jehoshua Hamashiach).

This modern desire for instant transformation is a symptom of spiritual laziness. Many want the rewards of righteousness without the labor of obedience. But the fire that purifies cannot be microwaved. YHWH's holiness is learned in the furnace of discipline, not through a moment of emotion. The same God who tests silver by fire tests His children by time, proving whether our repentance is genuine or convenient.

Wouldn't that be more honoring to Him, if at the moment we were baptized we were all made to be perfectly righteous, no matter what sin we commit?

Why doesn't YHWH just give everyone a quick red matrix pill of perfect "purity"?

While that seems like a nice reason and prayer request, here are some better reasons why He doesn't immediately purify/sanctify His children.

Lack of instant sanctification makes us realize who YHWH is, and who He is not.

Have you ever considered why He made humans need roughly eight hours of sleep and 2,000 calories of food each day? Why not give us an ability to gain our nourishment through photosynthesis like plants? Why not omit the sleep cycle like the trees of the forest, wouldn't we be much more productive for His glory if we weren't virtually comatose for one-third of our lives?

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YHWH created us to be dependent on sleep and food to remind us that He is God and we are not. We need food. He does not. We need sleep. He does not. He alone is God.

Psalm 121:4 (KJV) Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

Similarly, lack of immediate sanctification (Purity/Holiness) reminds us every day that we are not God and we are dependent on him, not the other way around. It reminds us that we are not self-sufficient and we are not perfect. Just like hunger can remind us to eat because we need nourishment! lack of Purity (Sanctification) feeds our desire for God and His righteousness (**because I'm unrighteous and I want righteousness!**).

If we were instantly purified/sanctified, we would face the temptation of pride and self-absorption.

Ezekiel 28:15 (KJV) Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

Ezekiel 28:17 (KJV) Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

Lack of instant purification/sanctification is a grace to remind us day-by-day that YHWH is God and we are not. And that everything He has for us, is good for us.

Lack of instant sanctification is a means of grace.

The apostle Paul had some kind of “thorn” that humbled him and made him see the need and love of our Heavenly Father.

2 Corinthians 12:7 (KJV) And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

The thorn was severe enough that on multiple occasions he asked the Lord to remove that thorn. Many have debated what the thorn was a physical malady or a contentious person attacking his character, but the thorn’s identity is irrelevant. What is important is that the Lord did not take it away.

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The consistent presence of Paul's thorn allowed him to experience the grace of YHWH in ways that he never could have known otherwise. It took a thorn to experience the power of YHWH's grace and strength.

2 Corinthians 12:10 (KJV) Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Hamashiach's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Similarly, when the disciple is not purified/sanctified immediately, he gets to experience the daily provision of YHWH to sustain him in his every battle against sin and trouble.

Because a man's cancer is not cured, he may experience the grace of a church body that lovingly cares for his needs and the sustenance of YHWH to see him through his pain.

Because a Christian's unjust, belligerent, and hostile boss isn't transferred or fired, he is driven every day to the scriptures to learn about loving his enemies and pray for those who are continuously oppressing him. In these situations, and dozens more, we realize the sufficient power of YHWH that we would not know if we were given that red pill of instant sanctification.

Lack of instant sanctification makes us long for Heaven.

Living in this world with all the troubles in this world makes us realize the emptiness and evil of this world. Terminal illness, murders, and conflicts all remind us that there is no ultimate answer in the world. And all of those things make us long for Heaven. So, when we suffer long (Many years with illnesses? a lifelong battle against depression?) and journey through life with weighty burdens (rebellious children? unreconciled relationships? sexual sins committed against us?), Paul tells us to consider these things as momentary and light; in comparison to the eternality and weight of the glory that will be received in Heaven.

2 Corinthians 4:17 (KJV) For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

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Our temptation is to think too much about earth and not enough about Heaven. We struggle with our flesh, because of how our feelings affect us. Our tendency is to overlook Heaven's benefits and overvalue earth's attractions.

When we suffer for excessive lengths of time and endure crushing burdens, it is a reminder to compare those things not to the frailties that others carry, but to compare them to what we will receive in Heaven. 90 years with an illness is short in comparison with eternity. Crushingly difficult burdens really are light when compared to the crowns of righteousness to be given to YHWH's faithful ones in Glory.

Gradual Purity (sanctification) drives us to look Heavenward and away from earth as our satisfaction. Lack of a spiritual pill of holiness makes Heaven appear more enticing to needy people.

Sanctification trains our hearts to value what Heaven values. The world teaches us to measure success by comfort, popularity, or recognition, but sanctification measures success by surrender. Every trial that humbles us detaches us from the world's rewards and ties us closer to eternal ones. It is the school of holiness, teaching us to desire purity more than prosperity, obedience more than applause, and fellowship with God more than freedom from suffering.

Lack of instant sanctification is a means of testimony to the world.

Progressive purity/sanctification is testimony of the power of YHWH to transform sinners, and it becomes an opportunity to share the reason for the hope of Hamashiach that is within us. **1 Peter 3:15 (KJV)** *But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:*

When we live in an understanding way with a difficult wife or are submissive to husbands who are disobedient to the Word, it is testimony to those spouses of the power of YHWH to change people. Those spouses know who we really are. And when we are increasingly changed under adverse circumstances, it is like a saltlick for cattle or a magnet for steel, it is a means of attracting sinners, whom we particularly love enough to bring them to "Christ" (יהושיע Jehoshua Hamashiach).

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We can understand that progressive purity/sanctification brings greater glory to YHWH as He daily sustains imperfect followers and increasingly sanctifies them despite their frailties and fleshliness. Who else than Satan to try and take away this greater glory to YHWH by cheating us from salvation and the true sanctification process?

So, why doesn't YHWH immediately purify/sanctify His children? Because it gives Him greater glory and it is for our greater good (even if it doesn't appear to make our lives "easier").

What do we need for Sanctification?

Now that we understand sanctification is not instant but progressive, we must ask, what tools has YHWH given us to walk this path faithfully? He has not left His disciples without resources. Sanctification requires truth, a sacrifice, and the Holy Ghost. Each is a pillar holding up the structure of holiness in a believer's life.

We need the truth:

John 17:19 (KJV) And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be **sanctified through the truth.**

★ **And how do we get the truth? 2 Timothy 2:16 (KJV) Study** to shew thyself approved unto YHWH, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

We need a sacrifice:

Heb 10:10 (KJV) By the which will **we are sanctified through the offering of the body of** "Christ" (יהוֹשֻׁעַ Jehoshua Hamashiach) once for all.

★ **We already have one! 1 Corinthians 6:11 (KJV)** And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but **ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord** "Christ" (יהוֹשֻׁעַ Jehoshua Hamashiach), **and by the Spirit of our God.**

★ **John 3:16 (KJV)** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

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★ **01 John 3:16 (KJV)** Hereby perceive we the love of “Christ” (יהוֹשֻׁעַ Jehoshua Hamashiach), because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

We need the Holy Ghost:

Romans 15:16 That I should be the minister of “Christ” (יהוֹשֻׁעַ Jehoshua Hamashiach) to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

How do we receive the indwelling of the Holy Ghost?

★ Through Water Baptism and we can't have the indwelling of the Holy Ghost without having received the Remission of our sins, on which is only received through water baptism!

Acts 2:38 (KJV) Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of “Christ” (יהוֹשֻׁעַ Jehoshua Hamashiach) for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

See B2-C03-S01- Remission of Sins When God Erases the Past, B2-C03-S02- Baptism God's Appointed Moment of Remission, and B2-C03-S03- The Holy Ghost The Indwelling Gift of the New Covenant.

2 Timothy 2:19-26 (KJV) Nevertheless the foundation of YHWH standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His. And, Let everyone that nameth the name of “Christ” (יהוֹשֻׁעַ Jehoshua Hamashiach) depart from iniquity. **20** But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. **21** If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. **22** Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. **23** But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. **24** And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, **25** In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; **26** And that they may

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recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

Sanctification is not optional; it is proof that salvation is real. A person who claims salvation but rejects sanctification is a tree with leaves but no fruit. The Word of YHWH calls us not only to believe, but to *become*. Holiness is not perfection of performance but perfection of direction, where every step moves us closer to His likeness. Until the day we are glorified, sanctification remains the visible evidence that YHWH's Spirit truly lives within us.

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