

THE LIVING ROOM
COMMUNITY CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022

**THIS WE BELIEVE (PART 4)
SPIRITUAL GROWTH, MY JOB OR GOD'S?**

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"May the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit, soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and He will do this."

-1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

"For I know nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will right, but I can't do it." -Romans 7:18

"I am the Lord your God. Sanctify yourselves, therefore, and be holy for I am holy." -Leviticus 11:44a

"Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, continue to work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you, to will and act in order to fulfill His good purpose." -Philippians 2:12-13

"The wind blows where it chooses. You hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone born of the Spirit." -John 3:8

Four Crucial Truths About Sanctification

"Not that I have already obtained this, or have already reached the goal, but I press on to make it my own because Christ Jesus has made me His own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward toward what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." -Philippians 3:12-14

1. Sanctification is _____ not optional.

"For this is the will of God, your sanctification."

-1 Thessalonians 4:3a

"Pursue peace (Sanctification) with everyone and holiness."

-Hebrews 12:14 (ESV)

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2. Sanctification is a _____ not an event.

3. Sanctification is _____ by God, not me.

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God.” -Romans 12:2

*“You were taught to be renewed in the spirit of your minds.”
-Ephesians 4:23*

“I’m in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you.” -Galatians 4:19

Where are the winds of the Spirit blowing in your life these days? Where and how is God at work in you? What sin is He seeking to free you from? How is He causing growth?

Ways to discern how the Spirit is working in your life.

- A.** Ask God, "God, how are you seeking to transform me in this moment?"
- B.** What are the practices or disciplines that God is most using to free you from sin or to breathe life into you?

Identify the spiritual practices that are especially important for your growth, devote yourself to them, and then allow each moment to be a training exercise for sanctification.

**4. I pursue sanctification for the sake of _____
not just myself, not just my fulfillment.**

“Do all things without murmuring and arguing.” -Philippians 2:14