



Transformation for God's Glory

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Sanctification, Transformation for God's Glory

Sanctification is a **transformative experience** that redefines a believer's life for God's glory. Rooted in being '**set apart**', sanctification signifies a spiritual metamorphosis, turning ordinary life into one that vividly reflects God's holiness and purposes.

Sanctification is a **cooperative effort** (Work of God and Duty of Man)

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Sanctification is a communal journey, deeply intertwined with God's Word, His loving discipline, the fellowship of believers, and a vibrant prayer life.

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Our relationship with the Spirit must be respectful and obedient, recognizing His holy nature and submitting to His work.

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To **grieve the Holy Spirit** is to act in ways that are contrary to His transformative work in our lives. Ephesians 4:31 names bitterness, anger, wrath, shouting, slander, and malice. These damaging actions and attitudes can deeply sadden the Holy Spirit, as they would hurt a caring parent or a close friend. Our sinful nature can cause pain to the Spirit, who resides in us as believers and works to mold us into Christ's likeness.

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Biblical counseling recognizes and relies on the Holy Spirit's role and acknowledges that real change and growth are supernatural processes guided by God's Word.

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Collaborative Work

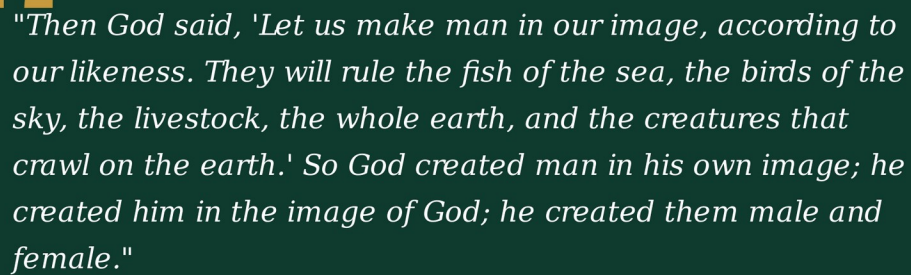
Counseling transcends a mere human interaction; it becomes a three-way collaboration involving the counselor, the counselee, and, crucially, the Holy Spirit. This partnership underscores the reality that counseling is not solely a human effort but a **deeply spiritual undertaking**. We actively seek God's wisdom and His power. Our aim extends beyond symptom relief; we strive for the counselee's **spiritual growth** and a deeper commitment to God's purposes.

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Ultimate Dependence *on God*

While human strategies and techniques can be beneficial tools, they are not the source of change. The counselor and counselee must ultimately depend on the **Holy Spirit's transformative power**. Through God's sovereign work, hearts are changed, minds are renewed, and lives are brought into conformity with His will. This **God-centered focus** is the bedrock of effective biblical counseling.

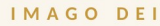


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Sanctification, the process of becoming more **Christ-like**, is deeply rooted in this concept. As we grow in Christ, we seek to more fully express the image of God in us, in our thoughts, actions, and relationships.

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"With the tongue we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in God's likeness."

Sanctification, the process of becoming more like Christ, involves **taming the tongue**, a vital aspect of Christian maturity. As counselors, we encourage believers to use their words to **uplift and edify**, reflecting the transformative work of God in their lives.



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Society

These biblical principles provide a steady foundation for **upholding justice, rejecting partiality**, and treating every person with dignity. In a world often marked by favoritism and division, these truths remind us of the **immeasurable worth** God places on every life. As Christians, we're called to be **salt and light in the world** (Matthew 5:13-14), influencing society by upholding these values and actively working to ensure that everyone is treated with the respect and love they deserve as creations of God.

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The Bible is clear that sin separates us from God. It creates a barrier that disrupts our relationship with Him.

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SESSION 3

SIN SEPARATES • 01

Man's Deceitful Heart

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 17:5-6, 17:9-10

Jeremiah 17:5-6 and 17:9-10 reveal the **heart's inherent deceit** and the folly of trusting in human strength. This truth confronts the illusion that we can overcome life's struggles through our efforts. Acknowledging the deceitful nature of our hearts leads to a **reliance on God**, who examines the mind and tests the heart (Jeremiah 17:10). As we understand our heart's condition and depend on God's grace, we grow in **Christlikeness**, which is the goal of sanctification and a key aim of biblical counseling.

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Man Sins, But God Loves

SCRIPTURE

Romans 5:8 • John 3:16

These verses reveal God's **unconditional love and grace** toward humanity despite our sinfulness. Romans 5:8 states, *'God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.'* This verse highlights that God's love is not based on our righteousness but His merciful nature. Similarly, John 3:16 declares, *'For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.'* They remind us that sanctification is not about achieving perfection through our efforts but about **growing in a relationship with God**, who loves us despite our flaws.

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SESSION 3

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God Offers Forgiveness & Redemption

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 1:7 • 1 Corinthians 6:20 • 1 Peter 1:18-19

Recognizing God's provision of **forgiveness and redemption** is crucial for sanctification, the process of being made holy. This understanding shifts the focus from **self-reliance to dependence on God's grace**. It empowers individuals to overcome sinful patterns, as they're not just striving in their own strength but are **transformed by the One who has already secured their victory**. This truth nurtures a heart of gratitude and a desire to honor God with one's life, which is the essence of sanctification.

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Sanctification is a **beautiful expression of God's grace**, shaping believers into the image of Christ and enabling them to reflect His glory in their lives.

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