

THE BEREANS

ACTS 17:11

John 17:13-19

Lesson #59

Good enough for heaven

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Jesus is praying for three things:

Intimacy
in our knowledge of God

Purity
in our relationship
with the world.
vs.13-19

Unity
in our relationship with the church.
vs.20-26

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**Holy, Holiness,
Sanctified, Saint**

Meaning:

Separation (from the world unto God)

**How sanctified does
a person have to be
to go to heaven?**

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**1.
Holiness is
a basic requirement
for reconciliation
with God!**

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The theme of the Old Testament

Leviticus 19:2

“Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them; **You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.**”

- **Kosher laws** - symbols of distinction.
- **Temple rules** - purification & sacrifices.
- **Moral standards** - 10 commandments.

The core of the Gospel

- **Jesus' example** - he came to fulfill the law.
- **The Cross** - satisfying the just demands of a holy God.

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**Many believe that our security is in
practiced holiness.**



Tom Schreiner
(Southern Baptist Theological Seminary)

“There is no salvation apart from obedience or good works. Indeed, Paul emphasized that believers must accomplish their own salvation.”

(Phil.2:12-13)

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Hebrews 12:14

"Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord."

Romans 2

"6 God "will repay each person according to what they have done." 7 To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. 8 But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. 9 There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; 10 but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. 11 For God does not show favoritism."

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1 John 3:9

"No one who is born of God sins, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God."

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The church has been divided on sanctification for salvation.

	Change mind about Christ & self	Be willing to turn from all known sins at conversion	Be willing to keep on turning from all known sins	Turn from all known sins	Keep on turning from all known sins
Holiness					
Arminian					
Calvinistic					
Lutheran					
Radical grace					

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2.

Holiness that reconciles us with God is based on what Christ has done FOR us
(not IN or THROUGH us)!

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The Gospel

What Christ has done FOR us
Redemption

What Christ has done IN us
Regeneration

What Christ is doing THROUGH us
Reformation



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Can our security rest in what Christ does THROUGH us?

Does God grade on the curve?

How holy must we be and for how long?

Only Christ has ever been holy enough. The good news of the Gospel is that only Christ had to be.

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“Sanctification” takes two distinct forms.

Our Position in Christ by faith

1 Corinthians 1:2
“To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who **have been sanctified** in Christ Jesus, **saints by calling**, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours.”

Our Practice in this life as disciples

1 Corinthians 1:30
“But **by His doing** you are **in Christ Jesus**, who **became to us** wisdom from God, and righteousness, and **sanctification**, and redemption.”

1 Corinthians 3:3
“**for you are still fleshly**. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not **fleshly**, and **are you not walking like mere men?**”

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Ephesians 2

“8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, that no one should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

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Two aspects of holiness



for me

Ephesians 2:8-9
We are saved “not **BY** works”

- ✓ a **child** of God
- ✓ **fixed** position
- ✓ based on **faith**
- ✓ my **identity**

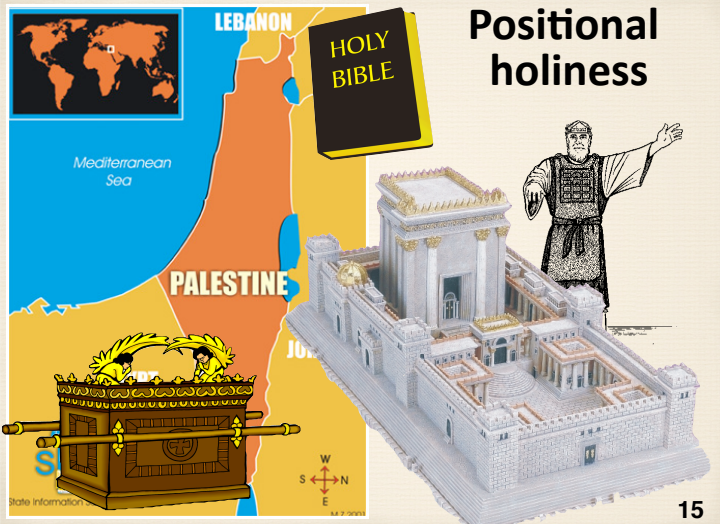


in and through me

Ephesians 2:10
but “**FOR** good works,”

- ✓ a **disciple** of Christ
- ✓ **dynamic** posture
- ✓ based on **faithfulness**
- ✓ my **calling**

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Positional holiness

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The temple priest was ceremonially sanctified with water before he performed his sacred duties.



This had to do with his official position not his personal character.

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Water baptism is your positional washing as a believer priest.

“... baptism now saves you, not the washing of the filth of the flesh but the answer of a good conscience toward God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”



1 Peter 3:21

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Positional truth

- ✓ It is a declaration & non-experiential.
 - ✓ It is not progressive.
 - ✓ It is not related to human merit.
 - ✓ It is not related to moral reform.
 - ✓ It fully satisfies the demands of a perfectly holy God.
- ✓ It must be learned through teaching & applied by faith.

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Romans 3

“²⁶ for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.”

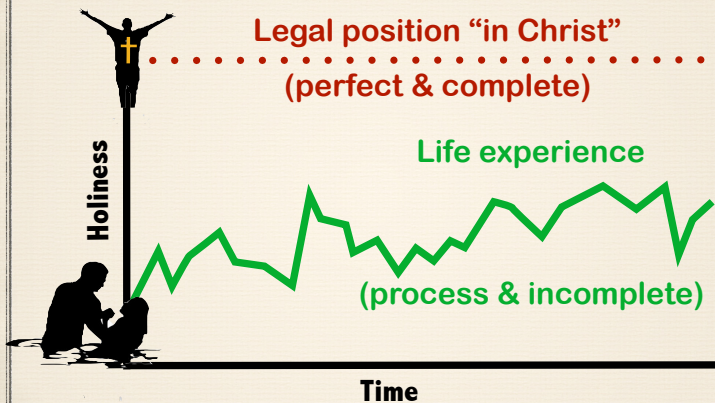
“²⁸ For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.”

Romans 4:5

“But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness,”

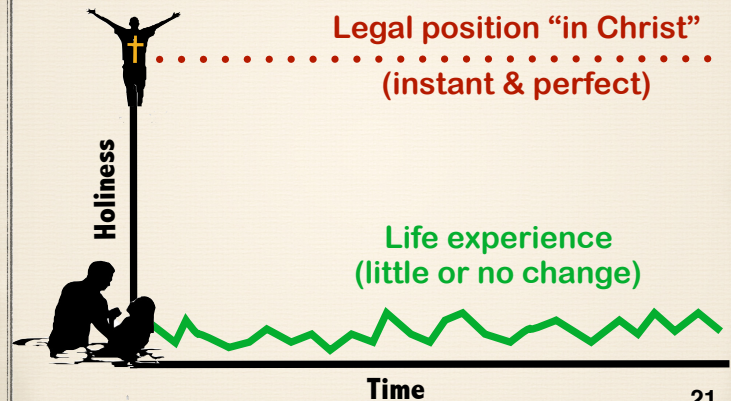
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Our position in Christ



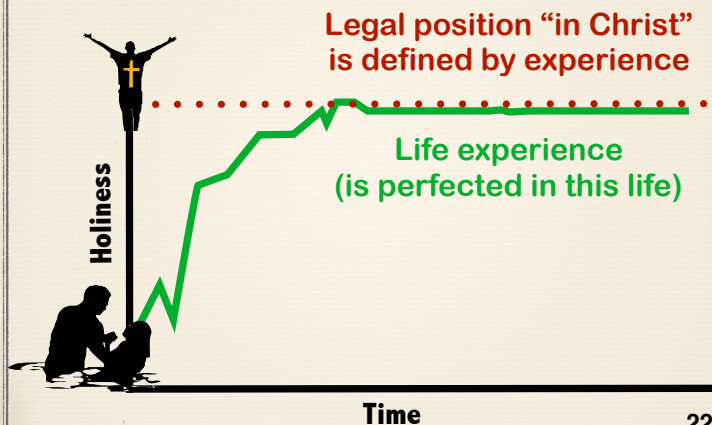
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Mistake #1 Not enough change in behavior is expected.



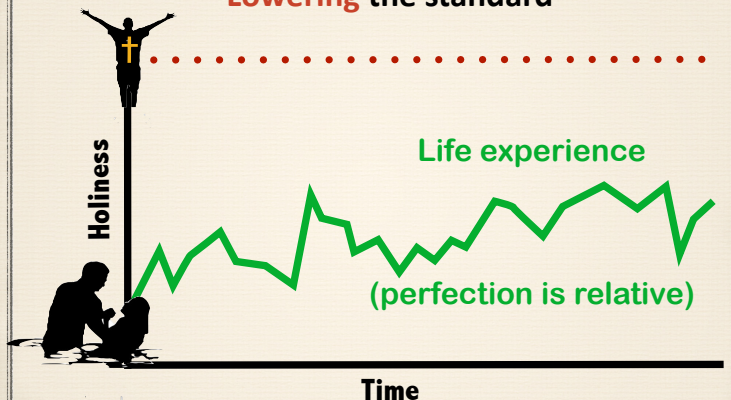
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Mistake #2 Too much change in behavior is demanded.

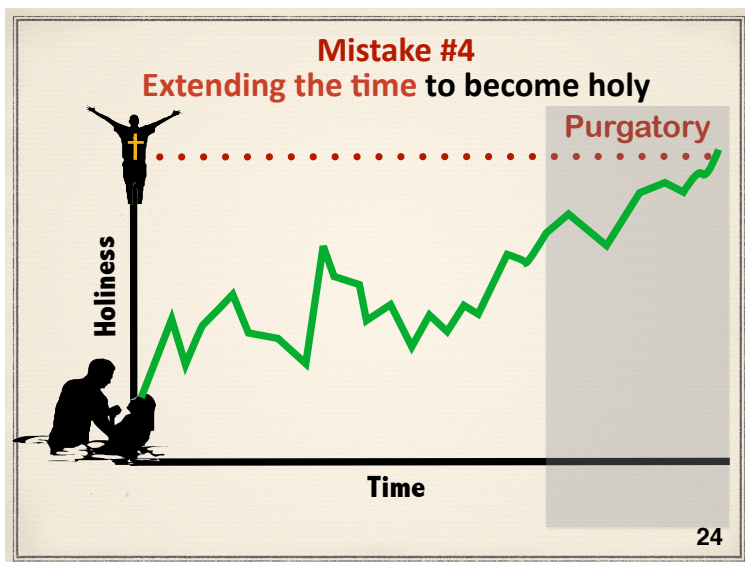


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Mistake #3 Lowering the standard



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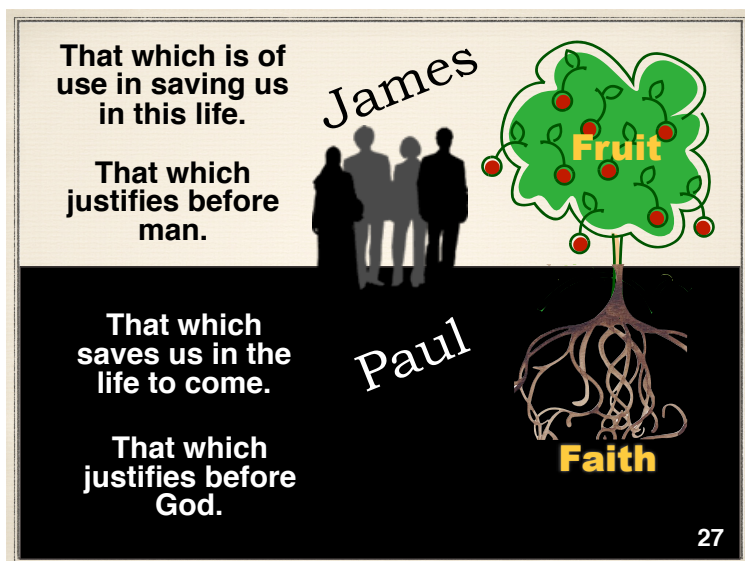
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James 2

¹⁴What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for *their* body, **what use is that?** ¹⁷Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, *being* by itself."

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Three important facts

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Positional holiness makes us fit for heaven.

Practiced holiness makes us fit for earth.

Charles Spurgeon

"Holiness is not the way to Christ; Christ is the way to holiness. Better still, Christ is our holiness."

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