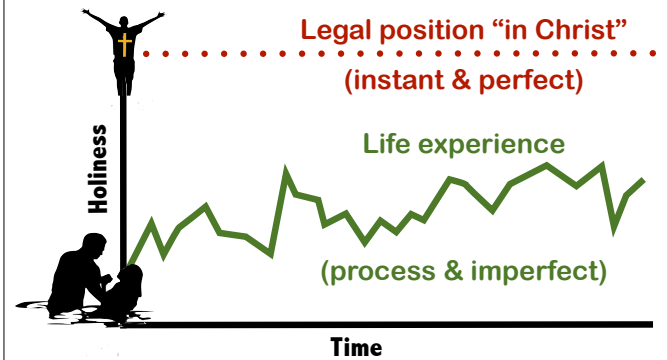


The good news of the Gospel is the holiness of justification by grace through faith in the finished work of Christ on the Cross.

Positional holiness

Two aspects of Christian Holiness



Positional holiness makes us fit for heaven.



Practiced holiness makes us fit for earth.

Holiness

Positional

Practiced

Jesus

Holy Spirit



Faith apart from works

Works of faith

We "in Christ"

"Christ in us"

Ephesians 2:8-9

"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that **not of yourselves, it is a gift of God; not as a result of works**, that no one should boast."

Ephesians 2:10

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.**"

Ephesians 1:4

"He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, **that we would be holy and blameless before Him.**"

Practiced Holiness is a part of God's designed purpose for all Christians.

Practiced Holiness



**Some misunderstandings
What it is not!**

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.”

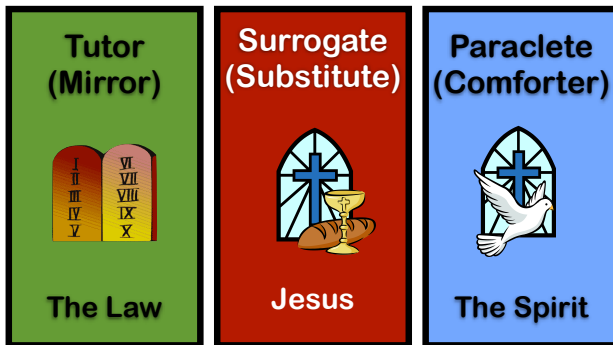
Philippians 3:9

“and may be found in Him, **not having a righteousness of my own** derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ,”

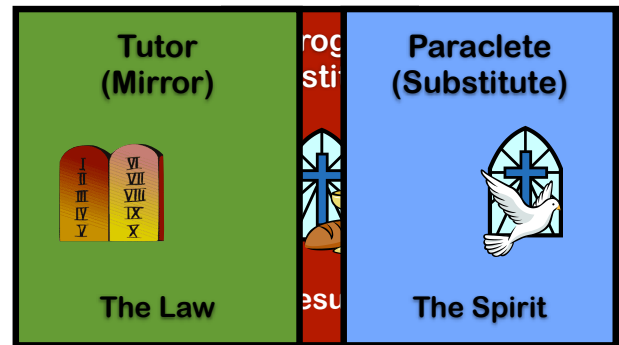
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Practiced Holiness is not the basis of our salvation.

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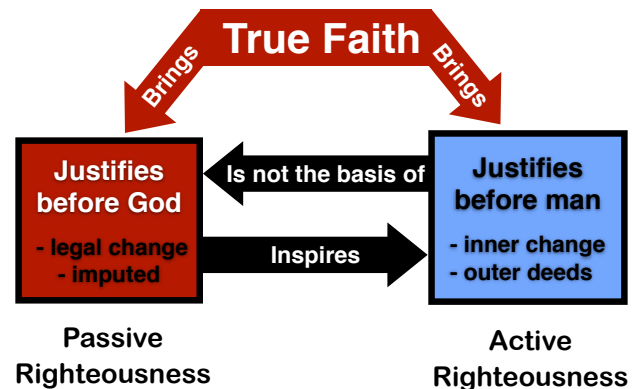


1 Peter 1

“¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts, which were yours in your ignorance, ¹⁵ but like the Holy One who called you, **be holy yourselves also in all your behavior**; ¹⁶ because it is written, “*You shall be holy, for I am holy.*””

2.

Practiced Holiness is not unimportant in following Christ.



1 Corinthians 4

“⁴ For I am conscious of nothing against myself, yet **I am not by this acquitted**; but the one who examines me is the Lord. ⁵ . . . who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men’s hearts; and then each man’s praise will come to him from God.”

3.

Practiced Holiness is not moral perfection without mixed motives, blind spots, and weaknesses.

1 Corinthians 3

“¹ And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to **men of flesh, as to babes in Christ**. ² I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, 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?”

Ephesians 4

“¹² . . . to the building up of the body of Christ; ¹³ until we all attain to . . . **the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ**. ¹⁵ . . . we are to grow up **in all aspects** into Him who is the head even Christ,”

4.

Practiced Holiness is not selective in its application.

Selective Ethics

Personal

Social

Soul savers

Body savers

Personal ethics

Social ethics

The Crucifixion

The Incarnation

Practiced holiness

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Sexual behavior

Justice for the poor

Selective Experiences (Spiritual Cast System)

Spiritual

“Spirit Filled”

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Matthew 23

“25 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, **but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence.** 26 You blind Pharisee, first clean the inside of the cup and of the dish, so that the outside of it may become clean also.”

5.

Practiced Holiness is not superficial (only behavioral).

Hebrews 5:14

“But solid food is for the **mature, who because of practice** have their senses trained to discern good and evil.”

Romans 12:1-2

“Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to **present your bodies a living and hoy sacrifice**, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.”

6.

Practiced Holiness is not automatic, instantaneous, or passive.

Church cultures that encourage false holiness

1. **Old Covenant** applications
2. **Man centered** spirituality
3. **Misunderstood** law & grace
4. **Superficial** standards

How to discourage false holiness

1. **Preach the Cross**
2. **Tell the truth**
3. **Address the heart**
4. **Love each other**