

Sermon Discussion Guide

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Sermon: What We Believe: Salvation pt2

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Primary Text: Philippians 2:12-18



SUMMARY

Salvation pt 2 - Sanctification & Glorification

Big Idea: We Work Out the Salvation Christ Worked For

As believers, we recognize and believe that the work of Jesus in providing salvation is finished - we are justified. However, we also recognize that things are not yet perfect. This creates tension, and the context for growing in Sanctification. Sanctification is the process of becoming in practice what we have been declared to be in Christ. This process is one in which we grow continually in our understanding both of God's holiness and our own sinfulness. What this produces in the life of a believer is a growing trust in the full sufficiency of the gospel to bridge and cover that ever-widening gap, which then fuels our joy. Along the way, we work with the strength that God provides to renew our minds, hearts, and lives, to increasingly image-forth Jesus to the world. In the end, the Lord's will is our sanctification AND our glorification, when we will be like Him as we behold Him face to face.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

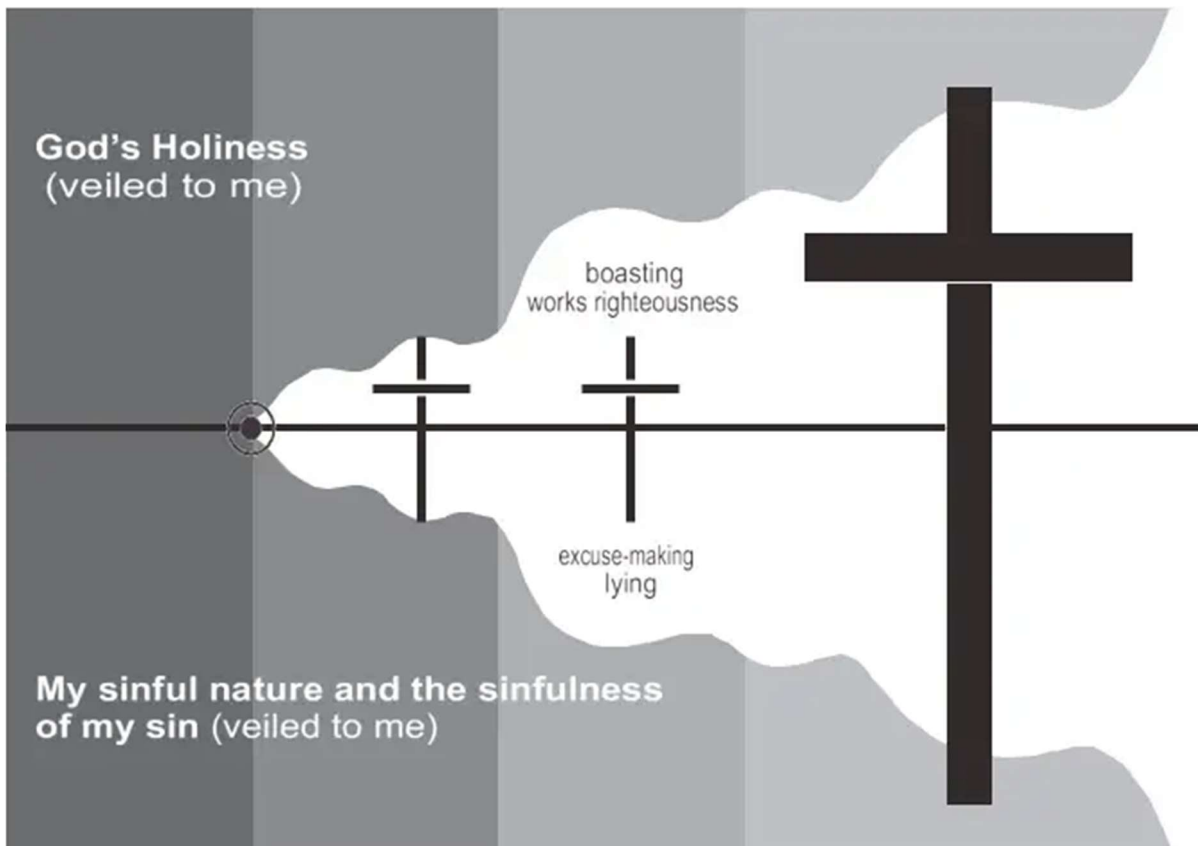
Read: Philippians 2:12-18

- 1) What is Paul's main plea, how does it relate to sanctification, and how does he support it?
 - How does verse 12, "work out your own salvation" relate to verse 13, "for it is God who works in you" and chapter 1, verse 6, "...he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."
 - "We work out, what Jesus worked for." How would you explain this and why the distinction is important?
- 2) Use the Cross Chart and questions on page 2 to think through and discuss Growing in our knowledge of His holiness and our sinfulness.

General Questions about Sanctification & Glorification

- 3) In what ways is this doctrine currently ignored, opposed, twisted, or misunderstood?
 - Consider your answers in 2 realms
 - i. "Out there" - in our current culture; "In here" - in your own heart and mind
- 4) Why is believing and holding to what the Scriptures teach about this important?
- 5) How would you explain this teaching to someone? (children, neighbors, coworkers)
- 6) How does this doctrine fuel and inform your love for God and love for others?

DIAGRAM: THE CROSS CHART



- His Holiness.
 - i. In what sense is God's holiness veiled to us?
 - ii. How do we grow in our knowledge of His holiness?
- Our Sinfulness.
 - i. In what sense is our sinfulness veiled to us?
 - ii. How do we grow in our knowledge of our own sinfulness?
- Trust/Cross.
 - i. If our view and trust of the Gospel/Cross of Christ remains small, how are we prone to make up the difference and fill the gaps?
 1. For "boasting & works righteousness," think *performing*
 2. For "excuse-making and lying," think *pretending*
 - ii. In what sense does the Cross become bigger as we are sanctified?
- When was the last time you were hit/gripped by His holiness and/or your own sinfulness?
 - i. What did that look like and what was the result?
- In what areas of your life would you say the Lord is growing you the most to make you look more like Jesus?