#### Lesson 2:

## The Royal Priesthood & Sanctification

"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy."

#### 1 Peter 2:9-10

Sanctification... simply described as something being used as the designer of it intended.

- \* So in simple terms, my daughter who is a professional artist, has a set of very expensive drawing pencils, that have different densities for each pencil. With the same hand pressure, each pencil varies in how dark the markings made appear on paper, and they also vary in blend-ability.
- \* The designers of the pencils made them with the intent that they would be used to make professional artistic expressions by those so inclined to use them.
- \* The set is special, set aside for use for only drawing pieces of art.
- \* When anyone not artistic looks at them, they may look just like any other pencil.
- \* It is the artist's choice to use them for art, as the designers intended.... or to put them in a drawer and never use them, or to use them to hold a bun in place, or even mix them with regular pencils and use them for every day writing.
- \* But when they are separated out, and used for their intended purpose they can be used to make amazing works of art as the designers intended.

This is the basic idea of sanctification. It is "a setting apart" and "being used as intended by the creator," in our case God, and His intention is being different from the world, and being holy and walking in righteousness. So we must ask, what does this really mean? What is sanctification mean to God?

The thing is this concept of sanctification, began long before Christianity, it was started at creation when God <u>Sanctified the 7th day</u> by making it a day of rest and apart and different from the other 6. Why? <u>For the purpose of holiness</u>. This is true of New Testament sanctification too, <u>sanctification it is for the purpose of holiness</u>.

But since we need to focus on how sanctification relates to what that means in as related to humans "being" sanctified, we will start with a quick look at the Old Testament. First, let's rewind to Numbers 20:12 and look at the end of the life of Moses. And how God sees the referred to action... sanctification's use as the Law of Moses was set up, and some especially emphasized with the priesthood of Arron. (warning the English translation isn't the best, so I'll read and explain it)

Then the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, "Because you <u>did</u> <u>not believe</u> Me, <u>to hallow Me</u> <u>in the eyes of the children of</u> <u>Israel</u>, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land I have given them" This was the water of Meribah, because the children of Israel <u>contended</u> with the Lord, and He was <u>hallowed</u> among them Numbers 20:13 believed me not: (aman)

having not... trust, faith, to stand fast, to support, to be certain

sanctify Me: (qadas) to sanctify me, consecrate, to be holy, to honor me and set me apart as holy

contended: (*ryib*) to complain, to quarrel, to wrangle as an adversary

sanctified (qadas) sanctified, consecrated, to be holy, honored and set apart as holy

Now this is a big deal... <u>because Moses did not believe the Lord</u>, after seeing & being apart of allIIII of those miracles... and when the Israelites were grumping and complaining when there was no clean water in the Wilderness of Sin... (they were being drama mamma's — oh me oh my, we're gonna die!!) But if you reread the story, <u>what happened is invisible</u>... **Moses did not** STAND up for God and say, hey, guys He's brought us this far, I'm sure He will provide. Also after God provided a miracle and cleansed the water, Moses was so irritable from dealing with all the complainers that he named the place Meribah... which translates to The Water of Strife... He could have named it something Holy or honoring to the Lord Like "God's Sweetwater Cafe'". Now in our current saggy culture seems a little bit like an over reaction how God reacted... because we have lost the understanding of what it means to honor another, and lost the understanding of what it means to honor God. But God said, sorry, I know you did all this awesome stuff w/me... <u>but you are not going into the promised land because of that lapse in judgement you lacked faith to stand firm & you didn't honor me!</u>

# The Lord says, I will be sanctified... period.

God it to be sanctified... but He also expects His people to be sanctified. So the next things that happen regarding sanctification are very telling, they get to Mt Sinai, they have2 days to bathe and wash their clothes so they were physically clean to be in nearness to God on the 3rd day, and then a boundary is made around the Mountain that no one is to cross but Moses. Why? Because the Lord Himself was coming down! The consequences of crossing the boundaries— death!

Go to the people and <u>consecrate</u> them today and tomorrow and let them <u>wash</u> their clothes. And let them be ready for the third day. For on the third day the Lord will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. And you shall set up bounds for the people all around, saying, 'Take heed to yourselves that you do not go up to the mountain or touch its base. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death. Ex 19:10-12

sanctify (qadas) to make sanctified, to consecrate, to be made holy, honored and set apart as holy

wash (kabac) to wash persons or clothing, to purge dirt from by washing and treading under water

Ok, so already in these few verses we can see the concept of reacting to God and seeing Him as sanctified, and the concept of His people being sanctified is <u>very</u> <u>important</u>. Also sanctification is different for humans than God, because God is already sanctified by nature, our job is to properly acknowledge this. But in the process of human sanctification there is an idea of being <u>physically clean</u>, as the clothing had to be washed. Let's get real, those people prob had a rank football locker room smell going on... if you are going to wash your clothes, you are also gong to take a bath. And who would go before an earthly King or Even their CEO smelling like a locker room? And how much more essential when going before the Lord God Almighty?

The reason I started here is that often the concept of sanctification in the Old Testament is translated into English with various other words. They all have some similarities like a theme of holiness, being set apart, being purified, and several related words that refer to sanctification which is essentially a setting apart in ritual cleanliness to be holy before the Lord. Here is a little chart of the language:

			Holy		
q <mark>o</mark> desh	qodes	qadash	qaddish	qadesh	qadas
Holy	Holy	Holy	Holy	Consecrated	Sanctify
<ul> <li>a separation</li> <li>set apart</li> <li>apartness</li> <li>sacredness</li> <li>holy</li> <li>dedicated</li> <li>sacrifices</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>apartnesss acredness</li> <li>set apart</li> <li>holy places of God</li> <li>holiness of God</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>to be set apart</li> <li>to be <u>consecrated</u></li> <li>to become holy</li> <li>to prepare</li> <li>to be <u>proved</u> holy</li> <li>sanctified</li> <li>sanctifies</li> <li>sanctify</li> <li>to show oneself holy</li> <li>to transmit holiness</li> <li>to wholly dedicate</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>holy</li> <li>holy ones</li> <li>saints</li> <li>saints of the most high</li> <li>also used of Angels</li> </ul>	• to be <u>consecrate</u> <u>d</u>	<ul> <li>to set apart</li> <li>to consecrate</li> <li>to sanctify</li> <li>to prepare</li> <li>to dedicate</li> <li>to be hallowed</li> <li>to be holy</li> <li>to be separate</li> <li>to observed as holy</li> <li>to be pure &amp; clean</li> </ul>

\*\*qodesh is the root word, the others are variants

In the Old Testament often Holy and Consecrated are used interchangeably. So lets look at what this means:

	Consecrate					
qadesh	charam	nazar	nezer	male	milluim	
to be consecrated	to devote	to separate to <u>ceremonially</u> dedicate to separate away from uncleanness and keep ceremonially clean	a separation dedicated Nazarite a crown consecration	<ul> <li>to fill the hand</li> <li>to anoint</li> <li>to consecrate &amp; sanctify</li> </ul>	filling up or filling in to fullness	

#### Consecrate

Ok, As Christians we have certain responsibilities, and we need to be sanctified in order to do them. Gratefully we are sanctified <u>by the Holy Spirit</u>, but we are called to

leadership as the royal priesthood, if only to lead one other person to Christ, we are ministers of the Gospel, by the very nature of agreeing to being a Christian

#### Romans 15:16

"that I might be a <u>minister</u> of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be <u>acceptable</u>, <u>sanctified</u> by the Holy Spirit.

minister: (*hierourgeo*) to minister in the manner of a priest; in priestly service; the preaching of the gospel; to be busied with the sacred things

acceptable:(euprosdektos) well-received, approved; acceptable

sanctified:(hagiazo) to render or acknowledge as holy; to separate from profane things and dedicate to God, to ceremonially purify, to be free from guilt & sin, purified internally by the renewing of the soul by the Holy Spirit; to consecrate; a stamp of sacredness from God to wherever is connected to it

and in

**1 Peter 2:5** it says that you are ..."living stones, being built up a spiritual house, a <u>holy</u> <u>priesthood</u>, to <u>offer up spiritual</u> <u>sacrifices</u> <u>acceptable</u> to God through Jesus Christ."

holy: (haggios) holy ones, sanctified, ceremonially blameless, consecrated, physically & morally pure; sacred to God

priesthood: (*hierateuma*) the office of priest, an order or body of priests; a moral rank of freedom and intimacy that allows all Christians to have direct access to God just as the priests of the Israelis did, although they were an isolated number with direct access.

spiritual: (*pneumatikos*) relating to the human spirit- the part of man that in akin to God and the organ which serves God; of one who is filled with and governed by the Holy Spirit of God; the organ that is regenerated to God and ruled by the Holy Spirit or left wicked and ruled by spirits of wickedness.

offer up: (*anaphero*) to lead to; to being men to a higher place; to put upon an altar to offer; to place upon oneself the burden of the load to be upborne

sacrifices: (*thysia*) a sacrifice, a victim; a free gift likened to a sacrifice; metph. the work of increasing ones faith as if in providing faith as the sacrifice to be offered to God; things well pleasing to God a sweet aroma.

acceptable:(euprosdektos) well-received, approved; acceptable

It's clear to see heavy association between the Old Testament Priesthood of the tabernacle, and it's parallels with Christians. Since originally the 1st Christians were Jewish, there was already an established idea of what sanctification for a priest meant. So let's do a brief study of the processes of making a Priest Holy and Sanctified in the Old Testament. Remembering that this was set up by God through Moses & Arron and I will parallel this Christianity. Now as another point of reference I also want to parallel the anointing process with the Anointing of Saul, the original King of God's people. By the end we can all do a little self check to be sure we are in line with God's

understanding of Sanctification. My aim is to help everyone with a sincere heart toward the Lord to be able to verify that they are indeed sanctified.

To begin... I feel the need to brush over the whole Old Testament Law thing, since Paul has made detailed efforts in the New Testament <u>that we are not under the law</u> and that no one under the Law can be righteous. We need to be focused on the underlying messaging of the law, not become slaves under it.

Romans 6:14 ... for you are not under law but under grace.

Also Timothy explains:

**1** Tim **1:5** Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscious and from sincere faith...

Also **Hebrews 10:1** points out that the Lord is referring to the 10 Commandments & the 613 Laws of the Old Covenant...

Hebrews 10:1, 3, 9-10 For the law, having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect. .... But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year.... then He said, "Behold I have come to do the will, of God" He takes away the first that He may establish the second. By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Christ once for all.

So understanding the Old System, which we are <u>not</u> subject to, will help bring light and understanding to the system of Grace we are subject to.

What I am about to breeze over is really looking at the details of a <u>ceremonial process</u> that we are not longer held to because we come in the Grace Door, the rules are different from the Door of Law. But there are useful parallels. So hang tight.

Also, I am not going through every detail of these charts, but I have made them in full so that you can download them and use them as reference in your own study & I'll try and give you a second at a full screen shot for those that need to screenshot and blow up.

I'm going to start with the 10 Commandments.

People argue regularly if we are still supposed to be keeping all these rules. To cut to the chase, Jesus fulfilled the need for the Law, but God's ideals on how to live have never changed, Jesus came to clarify and modify them, because over time <u>the core</u> <u>meaning based in love</u> was replaced with <u>legalism</u> and the obedience of those keeping the old laws — was not from the heart, making it contradictory to it's original purpose.

# OT Law Summarized

#### The 10 Commandments

ш	# vs Commandments vs Jesus Words								
#	VS	Comma	naments	VS	Jesu	s words			
1	Ex 20:3	You shall have NOT	other gods	Mk 12:30	Love the Lord your God with <u>all</u> your	heart, soul, mind, strength			
2	Ex 20:4	You shall NOT	make idols	Mt 6:24	No one can serve two masters, he will hate one and love the other	you cannot serve both God and money			
3	Ex 20:7	You shall NOT	misuse the name of the Lord	Mt 5:34f	<u>do not swear at al</u> l either by heaven or earth, because <u>it is</u> <u>God's throne</u> and footstool	simply let your yes be yes and your no be no			
4	Ex 20:8	Remember	the sabbath	Mt 12:12 Mk 2:27	it is lawful to do good on the sabbath	the sabbath was made for man not man for the sabbath			
5	Ex 20:12	Honor	your father & mother	Mt 15:4f	God said honor your father mother	you nullify the law with your tradition			
6	Ex 20:13	You shall NOT	murder	Mt 5:21f	do not murder	but, <u>angry with brother = subject to</u> judgement			
7	Ex 20:14	You shall NOT	commit adultery	Mt 5:27f	do not commit adultery	l <u>ooks at a woman lustfully = adultery</u> <u>in his heart</u>			
8	Ex 20:15	You shall NOT	steal	Mt 6:19f	do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth	store up treasures in heaven			
9	Ex 20:16	You shall NOT	give false testimony	Jn 8:44	the devil is the father of lies	his native tongue, he is a liar			
10	Ex 20:17	You shall NOT	covet	Mk 7:21f	from within mens hearts come	evil, thoughts of sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly (most source from coveting)			

#### Jesus Simplifies it All

John 14:21<u>He who has My commandments and keeps them</u>, it is he who <u>loves Me</u>. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.

Matt 22:37-40 But Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Rom 13:9-10 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandments, all are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore it is the fulfillment of the law.

# 7 Reasons for Levitical Laws

# 1. A Medical Manual in a Primitive Time

- what to look for
- how to treat
- how to dispose of unclean things
- when not to interact with others
- how to properly cleanse/wash when well

# 2. To Create a New & Distinct Culture

- the 2 million-ish people that exited Egypt were victimized, broken & tired
- as slaves of a pagan culture, they needed training how to have a holy and completely distinct culture
- Iaws covered all aspects of cultural life including:
  - food
  - clothing
  - farming methods
  - family life
  - marriage
  - government
  - religious practices

## 3. To Create a Defined way for Unpolluted Worship

- coming out of Egypt, paganism was all most knew; which is detestable to God
- teaching the individual rules and rituals was to teach them to be holy & righteous
- they had to be taught to honor God

## 4. Defining Acceptable from Unacceptable Taught Discernment

- Pleasing God was said to be by doing acceptable things and avoiding unacceptable things
- Repeatedly in the laws they are reminded of lists of things to not be made "unclean by"
- if one was made unclean, they had to go through rituals in order to be able to approach God and be considered righteous, as well as take part in the holidays

## 5. To Provide Mirrors of Spiritual Truths

- symbolism in marriage language paralleled not only God and His people but also an example of how each member of a marriage should act in a marriage between Israelites
- the system of sacrifices and being made holy was for the initial purpose of showing the seriousness of sin to God, and it had the secondary purpose of being an antitype for Jesus becoming the propitiation for man's sins and abolishing the animal sacrifice system

## 6. To Introduce a Just Legal Code

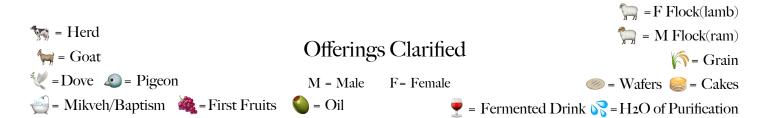
• To place a just theocratic governmental system for a distinct culture

# 7. To Teach How to Properly Interact with Others

- As slaves they did not have good modeling of how to treat others
  - The Law clarified expectations for interactions with dignity & respect for all:
    - helping the poor, weak, orphan, widow, slave, foreigner
    - familial interactions & responsibilities

According to the doings of the land of Egypt, where you dwelt, you shall not do; and according to the doings of the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you, you shall not do; nor shall you walk in their ordinances. You shall observe My judgments and keep My ordinances, to walk in them: I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, which if a man does, he shall live by them: I am the Lord.

Leviticus 18:3-5



Туре	Purpose	Offering	Duties	Given	Jesus
Burnt	<ul> <li>a pleasing aroma to God</li> <li>atonement for sin</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>M herd \$\$</li> <li>M flock \$\$</li> <li>dove \$\$</li> <li>pigeon •</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>person <ul> <li>to door of tent of meeting</li> <li>lay hand on head to transfer sins</li> <li>slaughter animal</li> </ul> </li> <li>priest <ul> <li>sprinkle some blood in tent</li> <li>burn fat/kidneys/liver cap</li> <li>burn meat on altar</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	God: 100% Priests: Hide	Jesus gave himself as a fragrant offering to God
Grain	<ul> <li>thanksgiving</li> <li>a pleasing aroma to God</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>grain </li> <li>cakes w/oil </li> <li>wafers w/oil </li> <li>first fruits</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>person <ul> <li>add salt, oil, incense,</li> <li>no yeast, honey</li> <li>may cook in pan, bake in oven, cook on griddle, roast</li> <li>present to priest</li> </ul> </li> <li>priest <ul> <li>burn a memorial portion on altar</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	God:a handful Priests: the rest	Jesus gave his body of us, like bread, broken and life given endures in communion
Fellowship	<ul> <li>thanksgiving</li> <li>completing a vow</li> <li>a pleasing aroma to God</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>M or F herd \$\$\$</li> <li>M or F flock \$</li></ul>	<ul> <li>person <ul> <li>go to door of tent of meeting</li> <li>lay hand on head to transfer sins</li> <li>slaughter animal</li> </ul> </li> <li>priest <ul> <li>sprinkle blood on altar</li> <li>burn fat/kidneys/liver cap</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	God: fat, kidneys, etc Priests:breast, right thigh Individual: the rest	we should always give thanks to God through Jesus E
Sin	<ul> <li>atonement for sin</li> <li>unintentional sin</li> <li>doing what's forbidden</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Priest</li> <li>M herd \$\$</li> <li>Community</li> <li>M herd \$\$</li> <li>Leader</li> <li>M goat \$\$</li> <li>Member</li> <li>F goat \$\$</li> <li>F lamb \$\$</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>priest <ul> <li>to door of tent of meeting</li> <li>lay hand on head to transfer sins</li> <li>slaughter the animal</li> <li>sprinkle blood in tent</li> <li>pour some blood on alter</li> <li>burn fat/kidneys/liver cap</li> <li>burn the hide, flesh, innards outside of camp</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	God: 100%	Jesus was sinless, God made him sin for us so we may become righteous 🦕
Guilt	<ul> <li>atonement for sin</li> <li>forgiveness of sin</li> <li>unintentional sin</li> <li>knowing sin</li> <li>violating the Lord's Holy things</li> <li>doing what is forbidden</li> <li>dishonest gain</li> </ul>	• M flock	<ul> <li>person <ul> <li>to entrance of tent of meeting</li> <li>lay hand on head to transfer sins</li> <li>slaughter animal</li> </ul> </li> <li>priest <ul> <li>pour some blood on altar</li> <li>burn fat/kidneys/liver cap</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	God: fat, kidneys, etc Priests: meat & hide	The blood of Jesus sprinkled on our hearts, cleanses from a guilty conscious & provides atonement *still endures in communion

Туре	Purpose	Offering	Duties	Given	Jesus
Drink	Drink • to accompany each lamb offering • in completion of a vow		<ul> <li>poured to the Lord in the sanctuary area</li> <li>sometimes poured under or over other sacrifices</li> </ul>	God: 100%	Jesus blood poured out for our salvation *endures in communion 🍐 🍷
Daily	<ul> <li>for the priests sins, then other high priests</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>two lambs \$\[\overline{a}\]</li> <li>1 grain offering \$\[\overline{a}\]</li> <li>1 drink offering \$\[\verline{a}\]</li> <li>am &amp; pm</li> </ul>	**see above applicable duties above	**see above	We are to give/be: • sacrifice of joy 😂 • sacrifice of praise 🎶 • living sacrifice 🗣
Water	<ul> <li>to purify anything that cannot pass through fire</li> <li>to anoint unto holiness</li> </ul>	• the water of purification 💦	<ul> <li>pour reserved water over unclean things, things that cannot pass through fire for purity</li> <li>pour reserved water over the head in anointing for sanctification and consecration to the Lord</li> </ul>		God's Holy Spirit, through Jesus is our water of purification for sanctification effected in baptism
Mikveh	<ul> <li>ritual bath to be ceremonially clean before the Lord</li> </ul>	• self in water 🛁	<ul> <li>each person goes to fresh water or reserved water from rain, dips into the water to be ceremonially clean</li> </ul>		Baptism in the Father, Son & the Holy Spirit is for the purpose of forgiveness of sins, and receiving the Holy Spirit

\*\*bonus info... each of the animals for the sin & guilt sacrifice... are parallel with the pagan gods that surrounding cultures worshipped and valued.

# Levitical Process $\sim$ Saul's Anointing for a Theocracy $\sim$ Christians

	Levítical Process	Saul to Lead as King	Christians
Obedience Event	Exodus 29 & Leviticus 8	1 SAMUEL 9FF	NEW TESTAMENT
Sacrifice	had not yet been established	Day 1: Fellowship Sacrifice Saul Eats the Priestly portion of upper thigh, sin trans to animal	Day 1: Jesus sacrifice DBR - sins of world transferred to him
Cleansing/ Purification	Day 1: Moses give Arron & Sons(A&S) a ritual bath 💦	*Saul no record of washing	Baptism 💦
Clothed in	Moses dressed A&S in Holy Attire	*Saul no record of holy clothes	Righteousness & Armor of God
Sanctified/ Consecrated by	Oil drizzled on the A&S heads after the temple 🌑	Day 2 : Samuel pours oil on Saul's head & tells him God has <u>anointed</u> him as commander over His	our Oil is Holy Spirit who does the sanctifying 🌑 💘
Sacrifice	<ul> <li>To make atonement for A&amp;S:</li> <li>Sin offering (1 herd)</li> <li>Burn offering (1 ram)</li> <li>Consecration offering (1 ram)</li> <li>Moses places ram blood on right side thumb, ear &amp; big toe of A&amp;S</li> <li>Wave offering (</li> <li>( → + right thigh) &amp; consecrated on altar</li> <li>Wave offering with breast</li> <li>Moses = </li> <li>+ </li> <li>from altar - sprinkles on Arron &amp; Son &amp; garments</li> <li>A&amp;S Boiled flesh @ door of tent &amp; ate the bread in the basket of consecration</li> <li>Any uneaten = burned</li> <li>Not go outside for 7 days and "he will consecrate you" (fasting implied) 12</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>inheritance then gives him</li> <li>Instructions. </li> <li>as Samuel turns to walk away God gives Saul and new heart</li> <li>Events In Obedience: <ul> <li>Goes to Rachels tomb</li> <li>see: 2 men</li> <li>they will tell you donkeys are found &amp; your father is concerned</li> </ul> </li> <li>Goes to Terebinth Tree in Tabor <ul> <li>see: 3 men going up to God @ Bethel</li> <li>( in in in i)</li> <li>he meets them</li> <li>they give him 2 loaves (2 &gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Goes to Hill of God <ul> <li>a group of prophets w instruments</li> <li>( in if i)</li> <li>he went with them prophesying</li> <li>the Spirit of the Lord came upon him &amp; turned into another man</li> <li>he was turned into another man</li> <li>Goes down to Gilgal</li> <li>he waits 7 days (fasting implied)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Already done through Christ but there are some parallels;</li> <li>faith spurs obedience</li> <li>we take communion proclaiming his broken body and spilled blood our behalf</li> <li>we are to examine ourself against the original measuring stick- the Lord</li> <li>if we do this in an unworthy manner then the result is sickness, weakness &amp; being "asleep"</li> <li>some of us, have gone through an anointing in which we have stayed home fasting voluntarily or involuntarily and after seen God, had an experience from Him etc.</li> </ul>

PREPARATION FOR HOLINESS- HOLINESS- SIN & FORGIVENESS OR WRATH

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Obedience Event	Exodus 29 & Leviticus 8	1 SAMUEL 9FF	NEW TESTAMENT	
8th day Sacrifice	Moses called A&S + elders to offer <u>for the Levite Priests</u> Sin offering: (1 herd) Burnt Offering: (1 ram) <u>or the children of Israel</u> Sin offering: (1 goat) Burnt offering: (1 lamb) Peace offering (1 bull + 1 Ram) Grain Offering (grain + oil) <u>Why?</u> <u>for</u> today the Lord will <u>appear</u> to you	Samuel arrives in Gilgal with Saul and they make a sacrifice & burnt offering *everyone can tell he is a new man and is prophesying among the prophets © **time passes & Samuel calls Saul to be the King	<ul> <li>Jesus sacrifice is good once for all</li> <li>So communion is the similar process : <ul> <li>of mentally examining ourselves against the standard of Jesus</li> <li>and proclaiming Jesus' DBR and conquering death for ever</li> </ul> </li> <li>Everyone should see that you are: <ul> <li>a changed person</li> <li>surrounded with like-minded people</li> <li>as time passes you; if you are maturing you should have a calling on your life</li> <li>the Lord will appear to you through understanding scripture and a changed life at minimum</li> </ul> </li> <li>Also if you are told fast for 7 days</li> <li>the Lord appears (experience speaking)</li> </ul>	
The Lord came down	<ul> <li>a fire came and consumed the burnt offering &amp; the fat on the altar </li> <li>the people shouted and fell on their faces</li> </ul>		We receive the Holy Spirit in the Sanctification/Baptism phase, and as we are receptive, God will reveal more and more of Himself to us as we draw near to Him in reading His words and prayer and worship	

	Levitical Process	Saul to Lead as King	Christians	
Obedience Event	Exodus 29 & Leviticus 8	1 SAMUEL 9FF	NEW TESTAMENT	
Priests sin	<ul> <li>Nadab &amp; Abihu offered profane fire(offering to an idol) before the Lord</li> <li>The fire went out from the Lord &amp; devoured them &amp; they died</li> <li>The Lord spoke, "those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; and before all the people I must be glorified"(Lev 10:3)</li> </ul>	Saul sinned by doing an unlawful sacrifice to himself w/ 600 men, before Samuel came, to win against the Philistines & he lost Samuel's Reaction • Samuel: What have you done? • Saul:I felt compelled • Sam: you have done foolishly Saul makes a rash oath Saul asked of the Lord Saul sked of the Lord Saul sked of the Lord Saul sked the people what their opinion was • He followed their advice • He did not wait upon the Lord • violated the Lord's commands • violated the Lord's instructions • for fear of the men Saul sinned against the Lord again by: Saul sked for Agag	<ul> <li>All of us make mistakes and are imperfect even though in God's eyes we are justified:</li> <li>this is not a license to sin</li> <li>If a Christian finds that they have: <ul> <li>have been "offering profane fire" by idol worship</li> <li>not regarding God as Holy</li> <li>not glorifying the Lord</li> <li>have violated the Lord's commands or instructions</li> <li>regard mens opinion over God's</li> <li>not been obedient</li> <li>consult paganism for help</li> <li>etc</li> </ul> </li> <li>They should immediately ask for forgiveness</li> <li>Do not keep on sinning like Saul it will just drag you in deeper</li> <li>After sinning, reconsecrate your self to the Lord.</li> <li>Get your heart &amp; mind right by reading the scriptures and staying in worship</li> </ul>	
Dead are removed	Arron's cousins removed the dead out of the camp	<ul> <li>Saul asks for forgiveness for sin so he can worship the Lord &amp; keep his job</li> <li>this shows he felt a disconnection from the Lord that pained him</li> <li>but that he also did not have honest motives</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>kill the sin by requesting the Holy Spirit give you the power to immediately change and "take it out" of your life and make decided choice to allow it to happen.</li> <li>Instead focus on scripture, worship, righteousness, holy living, etc.</li> </ul>	
Instructions	<ul> <li>House of Israel is instructed:</li> <li>do not uncover your heads (mourn)</li> <li>do not tear your clothes (mourn bitterly)</li> <li>→or you will die &amp; wrath will come on all the people</li> <li>do not go out of the door of the tent</li> <li>→or you will die for the anointing oil of the Lord is upon you</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Samuel tells him</li> <li>to obey is better than sacrifice</li> <li>rebellion is as bad as witchcraft</li> <li>stubbornness is as bad as idolatry</li> <li>because you rejected the word of the Lord he is rejecting you as King</li> <li> Image: Content of the Conten</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Don't overly mourn:</li> <li>yes you should feel bad(remorse), and repent (turn from) from the activity but not to the point that you forget about God's grace he has already given you and keep reliving your "crimes"</li> <li>Understand grace your sins are forgiven. By overly dwelling on it it is a slap in the face to God because it is like saying Jesus' blood was not enough for "that" sin.</li> <li>Don't Rebel in Stubbornness</li> </ul>	

	Levitical Process	Saul to Lead as King	Christians	
Obedience Event	Exodus 29 & Leviticus 8	1 SAMUEL 9FF	NEW TESTAMENT	
God Gives A Msg	<ul> <li>God tells Arron:</li> <li>do not drink wine or intoxicating drink (you &amp; sons) when you go into the tent of meeting, lest you die.</li> <li>it shall be a statue throughout your generations that you may discern between holy and unholy &amp; clean and unclean &amp; that you may teach the Children of Is all the Statues which the Lord has spoked to them by the hand of Moses</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>do not drink wine or intoxicating drink (you &amp; sons) when you go into the tent of meeting, lest you die.</li> <li>it shall be a statue throughout your generations that you may discern between holy and unholy &amp; clean and unclean &amp; that you may teach the Children of Is all the Statues which the Lord has spoked to them by the hand of</li> <li>do not drink wine or intoxicating drink (you &amp; sons) when you go into the tent of meeting, lest you die.</li> <li>he consulted a medium/witch to bring the spirit of Samuel to speak with him</li> <li>he hears he will lose his Kingdom &amp; sons will die the following day</li> <li>laid prostrate fasting in fear</li> <li>Saul dies in battle </li> </ul>		
The Non-Sinning employed	<ul> <li>Arrons other sons Eliazar &amp; Ithamar: <ul> <li>make grain offering</li> <li>make remaining offerings</li> <li>eat without leaven beside the altar for it is most holy</li> </ul> </li> <li>You eat in the Holy Place = A&amp;S due</li> <li>Arron did not complete the eating of the offerings bc he felt it would be seen as unrighteous bc in the time gap w the ritual had a glitch in that the blood wasn't brought inside (ie. careful/honoring)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>David is Made King</li> <li>David although not flawless is the example of excellence of what expects</li> <li>God uses him mightily</li> <li>He is and Antitype for Jesus being the King of Israel</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Jesus is the sacrifice for all of our sin, but clearly God shows it is about the heart.</li> <li>God uses the people that will not profane his Name</li> <li>understand and obey the instructions for obedience &amp; holiness</li> <li>be sure to take a reverent attitude toward worship</li> </ul>	
	Sons rebelled w idols & died immediately to set a precedent	Saul not sanctified— the Lord stopped speaking w Him w/Sin— he continued to sin to the point of consulting a witch — Saul died	Christians are sanctified— can they choose to worship idols or is the one who switches teams not "really" a Christian?	

## But the biggest thing I see within all the rituals is Priests are to be:

- 1) Honoring & Reverent to God
- 2) Set apart physically, morally, and spiritually to how God sees fit
- 3) Seeking after Holiness & Righteousness with a pure heart to please the Lord
- 4) Obedience to whatever God requests without selfish motive

It appears that in the Levitical ceremony that <u>sanctification occurs with consecration</u>, when one is set apart and a form of holy water is washed over them or they in it, <u>there in the obedience</u>, God honors this and He is the one who does the sanctifying.

Now, understanding that the Greek texts were written earlier than the Hebrew, I decided to take a peak at the words to see if there was anything significant... and low and behold... in the process of the priestly sanctification & consecration there was an astounding discovery. Look at this...

Translation	Numbers 8:7
English (NKJV)	Thus you shall do to them to cleanse them: Sprinkle water of purification on them, and let them shave all their body, and let them wash their clothes, and so make themselves clean
Hebrew transliterated (Masoretic)	And thus shalt tho do unto them, to cleanse them: Sprinkle water of purifying, and let them shave all their flesh, and let them wash their clothes, <u>and so</u> make themselves clean. *clean: (taher) to be bright; to be pure; to be levitically uncontaminated-morally; pronounced clean
Greek transliterated (Septuagint)	In this manner perform to them the counted, t <u>he ceremonial water purification, and comes</u> <u>the Holy Spirit influence,</u> and let them shaved all things on the human body & him them the counted, a flowing robe (upper garment) and they will be clean
	<ul> <li>*clean: (kathros) pure, clean chaste-</li> <li>physically purified by fire</li> <li>levitically clean &amp; the process imparts no uncleanness</li> <li>ethically clean from corrupt desires &amp; mixing with all falsehoods, free from sin &amp; guilt</li> </ul>

This is fascinating. Especially when you explore Levitical Law, and remember that all things in the Temple uses, and those things to be in God's presence, like the priests or any implements used by the priests, had to be purified and even things that were given to the people from plunder in war, had to be Levitically purified by a certain standard, look:

Numbers 31:21-24 Then Eleazar the priest said to the men of war who had gone to the battle, "This is the <u>ordinance of the law which the</u> <u>Lord commanded Moses:</u> Only the gold, the silver, the bronze, the iron, the tin, and the lead, <u>everything that can endure fire</u>, you shall <u>put</u> <u>through the fire</u>, and <u>it shall be clean</u>; <u>and it shall be purified with the water of purification</u>. But <u>all that cannot endure fire</u> you shall <u>put</u> <u>through water</u>. And you shall <u>wash your clothes on the seventh day and be clean</u>, and afterward you may come into the camp."

So clearly as humans, we cannot go through literal fire, without death or massive injury... so this is the reason God set up the purification by water for the priests, and then for the church in baptism. <u>The process of sanctification, or setting something apart and dedicating it to use for the Lord</u>, clearly must involve a step of cleansing, in order to be considered sanctified and holy. Interestingly on the day of Pentecost, when the church was established, fire came down on the people, in essence they were "passing though fire" to be sanctified, but then at the end of Peter's sermon, he also tells every one of them to next go through water, and be baptized to receive the Holy Spirit. Identical to the ordinance of how to cleanse and purify things in Numbers. Fire then water.

Acts 2:3 Then there <u>appeared</u> to them divided tongues, as of <u>fire</u>, and one <u>sat upon each</u> of them.

appeared (*ophthesan*) to perceive with the eyes, to see, to behold; to experience and be a partaker and become acquainted with; coming upon unexpectedly

fire (pyros) fire, the heat of the sun, "fire of God", the fiery flame of fire

sat upon (ekatheisen eph') to make sit down onto, to rest upon; to arrive upon above

each (hekaston) each and every one distinctly

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, "<u>Repent</u>, and let every one of you <u>be baptized</u> in the name of Jesus Christ <u>for</u> the <u>remission of sins</u>; and you <u>shall receive</u> the gift of the Holy Spirit.

repent (*metanoeo*) to change ones mind for the better; to stop and reverse action going in the exact opposite direction; turning from sin with contrition and submitting to God which is the proper condition to receive divine forgiveness of sin

be baptized (baptizo) to be immersed, submerged ; washed; mikveh, a ritual cleansing

for (eis) for the purpose of, into the

remission (aphesis) related from imprisonment of, the pardon for a legal penalty

sin (*hamartia*) to miss the mark; to err, to wander from the path of righteousness by violating God's law shall receive (*lambano*) to take, to choose by selecting a thing, to take with the hand of a person or thing in order to use it; to take upon oneself as in to carry upon

And just to connect the dots... at the end of time, those that are left on the earth and unrighteous, will "pass through fire" when they are taken out by a flash of fire from heaven (Rev 20:9) and be melted (Is 13:8), prior to their souls being able to be in God's presence for their judgement (Rev 20:13) and eventual sentence to eternal fire (Rev 20:15). But they could not initially go before God to BE judged without a purification process of fire, holding consistent with the Levitical Law. Why? **Because God is holy and to be honored & glorified**. (Lev 10:3) Their judgement is eternity in hell, because they rejected grace, therefore they have to be measured against the law. (1 Tim 1:8 & Rom 3:20) In Mt 5:20 Jesus reminds the people that their righteousness would have to exceed that of the scribes & Pharisees, an impossible feat, or they could not enter the kingdom of heaven. By living in unrighteousness they fail before they begin. Those under grace who have taken action in faith to be sanctified have gone through water, and the cleansing part of the sanctification process is complete, and the Holy Spirit (arguably the fire of purification) and regenerates and renews them, but the cleansing and regeneration or sanctification is complete, allowing them to be able to be before God. Do you see the connection? It is 100% consistent.

Now, not to weird you out, but most of you know the Lord has set our family apart for use and I have some pretty unique spiritual experiences, from dying and going before God and Jesus in heaven, and being brought back to life here on earth, to two of my family members being brought back to life, and also we can see Angels and bad spirits and all sorts of things that are typically behind the veil for people. We also have a very active two way communication with the Lord in which we are shown many things to come or that are happening real time in other places.

Well, I was told back in November of 2022 to do major deep cleaning of our physical home, like I would do if we were moving... which to me requires sorting through everything we own, deep cleaning every crevice, and baseboard, like MAJOR cleaning. And I did not know why, but I did so in obedience, even though I was exhausted, I just did it. I was like if I'm told to do it I will. I didn't question why like a toddler. Then when as we were done cleaning the house room by room, we were given eyes to see that after each area of the home was deep cleaned, it was then given an invisible to most, but visible to us, covering. It was sanctified and protected and considered holy. Wow huh? This would not have occurred if I had not obeyed and physically cleaned the house. God calls us to obey, if we question him why— why— why? Isn't that the same as saying, I am equal or better than you and I need a reason to obey you? That is a serious amount of pride if you think about it.

Back to sanctifying people. This blind obedience, because we trust the one who gives the instructions is the same for the Christians. The Bible is clear that people are to be baptized. But in our generation many find this an unnecessary step of obedience. They hang their belief on the "it says if we believe we are saved" theology. Which is true. Faith, riding upon Grace is the <u>agent</u> for Justification. The water doesn't save. But in the <u>process of obeying</u>, God allows the Holy Spirit to sanctify through the power of Jesus blood. It's like a test, if you say you believe will you follow my instructions? or will you listen to what other's opinions are on the topic? But, in the words I received recently that said, "those left behind for the war are left because they are not sanctified". Clearly this related to the step of baptism that allows for the Sanctification to occur, and then <u>continuing on</u> in righteousness, which is essentially staying set apart from unrighteousness, being set apart for God's use. When you choose to get baptized, you are making a public declaration that you will be now a different person, like Saul, all noticed he was different, and we are to be set aside for use by God, and serve in any way <u>He</u> sees fit. As humans we do not and cannot sanctify ourselves, by the act of baptism, or good works or anything else. It is clear that:

## The Father Sanctifies, by the Spirit, in the Name of Jesus

**1 Cor 1:30** <u>But of Him you are</u> in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God– and righteousness and <u>sanctification</u> & redemption

**2 Thes 2:13** But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for <u>salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth</u>

1 Cor 6:11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were <u>sanctified</u>, but you were justified <u>in the name of</u> the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God

Heb 10:10 By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all

By our obedience to baptism, we are agreeing to accept the sanctification, agreeing to being set part and used by the Lord as He intended us to be used, in essence we are agreeing to join the covenant of Grace offered by the Lord, and all that it entails as disciplines and as benefits. Notice in 2 Thes 2:13 some strong language... chose you for salvation THROUGH sanctification BY the Spirit AND belief in the truth. This means belief alone will not sanctify, but you must put yourself in a situation to receive the Spirit's sanctification.

Also notice the order in 1 Cor 6:11

- 1) you were washed
- 2) you were sanctified
- 3) you were justified

This is the same order as the Levitical Priesthood's ceremonial rituals. They were washed, then sanctified.... they were finally justified after fasting and second sacrifice, gratefully since Christ dies once for all we do not need to do that, but the justification is a result of actionable faith that brings us through sanctification.

I want you to see the greek language on how it interprets Sanctification, which is hardly different from Holiness and being Consecrated, note the agreements between the Old Testament Hebrews definitions and the New Testament Koine Greek definitions.

Let's look at the how the koine greek defines Sanctification, Holiness & Consecration.

Word	haggios(root) Holy	hagnós Holy	hagi- (asmos)(ioles) (iosune) (iasmos) Holy	hagiazo Sanctified	egkainizo Consecrate	teleioo Consecrate
Original Definition	<ul> <li>sacred/holy</li> <li><u>consecrate</u></li> <li><u>set apart &amp;</u> different from others(the world) in nature &amp; and having likeness &amp; nature to the Lord white being set apart by &amp; for God</li> <li><u>exclusively</u> <u>God's</u></li> <li><u>morally upright</u></li> <li><u>properly</u> different</li> <li>religious awe &amp; reverence</li> <li><u>under the</u> influence of the <u>Holy Spirit</u></li> <li>*Used of: God, Angels, Saints, Prophets, Temple, People</li> </ul>	<ul> <li><u>ceremonially</u> <u>free from</u> <u>defilement</u></li> <li>uncontamin- ated</li> <li>not spoiled even the center</li> <li>Holy/Sacred</li> <li>Pure/Chaste</li> <li>In a condition prepared for worship</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>apartness</li> <li>sacredness</li> <li>consecrated</li> <li>dedicated</li> <li>holy</li> <li>sacrifices</li> <li>holiness</li> <li>sanctification</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>to <u>acknowledge as</u> hallowed/holy</li> <li><u>to separate</u> from profane things</li> <li>to <u>free</u> from sin/guilt</li> <li>to <u>make</u> holy</li> <li><u>to dedicate</u> to God</li> <li><u>selected</u> for His service</li> </ul>	• to <u>dedicate</u> and make new	• to make <u>perfect</u>

# Sanctified ~ Holy ~ Consecrate

The way we can know the small variance of sanctification from consecration and holiness, is by examining scriptures that show us action words connected to each, as we did in the Levitical Priesthood process. Notice they are all within the general category of Holiness which is established for the purpose of humans being in God's presence. Even though sanctification happens by the Holy Spirit and because of baptism, is not a license to sin. You can't say, hey I took a bath and how I'm sanctified, now I can live however I want. We will get into the consequences of that in a later video. Interestingly, Sanctification also isn't 100% passive. Romans declares that after baptism were are to be dead to sin and "walk in newness of life"

Rom 6:3-7 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the Glory of the Father, even so we should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin.

### That "newness of life" is called <u>Walking in the Spirit</u> and it is <u>essential</u> to Righteousness.

**Rom 8:9-10** But if you are not in the flesh but <u>in the Spirit</u>, if indeed <u>the Spirit of God dwells in you</u>. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ he is not His. And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but <u>the Spirit is life because of righteousness</u>.

in the Spirit (en pneumati ) in which something operates; with in, inside of dwells (oikei) to inhibit or dwell, to make a home; to be at home; one's residence life (zoe) from & sustained by God's self-existent life, true and full life with the capacity to know eternal life; genuine life of those that are partakers of life after resurrection into immortality because of (dia) the account of; properly across to the other side; for the sake of; by the instrumentality of; the quality that brings a means to an end righteousness (dikaiosynen) a judicious approval; divine righteousness of God who is the author; what is deemed right by the Lord and approved in His eyes

#### Rom 6:19... so now present your members as <u>slaves of righteousness for holiness</u>

slaves (doula) a bond-slave without rights, who belongs to another; a bondslave willingly lives under another's authority; willingly submitting to God in a servant capacity; one who gives themselves up wholly to another's will; used in the Bible of apostles, prophets, God's true worshippers; teachers and preachers for (eis) into, for the purpose of

sanctification (hagiasmon) to become holy & set apart, consecrated; the state of purity

**Rom 8:14, 16** For as many are <u>led by</u> the Spirit of God, <u>these are the sons of God</u>. ... The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are Children of God

led(ago) to bring, to lead, to carry; to bring a person to a place by accompanying them; to impel and influence; to lead one by attaching oneself to and bringing to the point of destination; to guide & direct; to impel by forces and influences of the mind

1 Cor 6:9 Do you not know that the <u>unrighteous</u> will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived...

**Rom 8:5** For those who live <u>according</u> to the flesh <u>set their minds</u> on the things of the flesh, but those who live <u>according</u> to the Spirit, the things <u>of the Spirit</u>.

according (kata) through the; down from; according to; toward ; with regard to; equivalent to present with face to face; using a thing as a standard

set the mind (phroneo) to have understanding and be wise about; to direct ones mind to think about, seek, strive after

**Rom 8:1** There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not according to the flesh, but <u>according to the Spirit</u>.

according to(kata) down from a higher to a lower plane; in accordance with; down through

**Gal 5:22-25** But the <u>fruit of the Spirit</u> is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against Such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the spirit, let us also <u>walk in the Spirit</u>.

walk (kata) to properly walk , to keep in step with as if in line of a rank; to walk in the same cadence as; to direct ones life under the control of or according to the rule of

Clearly, we can "quench the Holy Spirit" and "grieve the Holy Spirit" by <u>not</u> doing this. Or we can obey and we can be "instruments of righteousness" for the Lord, living in righteousness that we have been told leads into Holiness. There is an element of autonomy in this process.

**Eph 4:30** Do <u>not grieve the Holy Spirt of God</u>, by whom you were <u>sealed</u> for the day of redemption.

grieve (lypeo) to cause heaviness, grief, sorrow, or offend; to cause a scruple- a hesitation regarding a course of action regarding the morality of a thing; to hesitate in doing something that one thinks may be wrong

by (en) whereby, through, upon which

sealed (sphragizo) to set a seal upon, to mark with a seal, to confirm or authenticate beyond doubt

1 Thes 5:19 Do no not quench the Spirit

quench (sibennymi) to quench or put our a fire, to extinguish; to stifle divine influence

**2 Peter 1:10** Therefore, brethren, <u>be even more diligent</u> to make your call and election <u>sure</u>, for if you do these things you will never stumble

give diligence (spoudazo) to exert oneself diligently; to make haste; urgently progress sure (bebaios) to make stable, the foundational layer; to be steadfast and unmovable, unshaken

**2** Cor 7:1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us <u>cleanse ourselves</u> from all <u>filthiness</u> of the flesh and spirit, <u>perfecting</u> holiness in the fear of God.

cleanse (katharizo) purge, purify, to remove by cleansing, to consecrate; to be pronounces clean levitically

filthiness (molysmos) defilement; immorality; an action by which anything is stained, defiled perfecting (epiteleo) to bring an end to; accomplish; execute, complete; to terminate and accomplish, to finish

**Rom 6:13** And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as <u>instruments of righteousness to God</u>.

instruments (hoplon) weapons or tools to wage war;

## How do we cleanse ourselves & present ourselves as instruments of righteousness??

Psalm 119:11 Your word I have <u>hidden</u> in My heart, that I might not sin against You.

hidden (epiteleo) to store up; to treasure; to hide; to hoard & reserve

**Eph 5:8b-10-11**Walk as children of light... finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have <u>no fellowship</u> with the <u>works</u> of darkness, but rather expose them.

finding out (dokimazo) decreeing, to test as metals to prove for purity and approve of after testing; to be fit; to recognize after examination that a thing is worthy

**2 Tim 2:15** Be <u>diligent</u> to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

diligent (spoudazon) to eagerly, zealously, hasten to show full diligence, conscientiousness; attentiveness; perseverance; commitment to; tirelessly work hard; the quality to do ones duty or work well and thoroughly with careful persistence

**1 Cor 15:58** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be <u>steadfast</u>, <u>immovable</u>, always <u>abounding</u> in <u>the work of the Lord</u>, knowing that your <u>labor is not in vain</u> in the Lord.

**Romans 2:10** but glory, honor, and <u>peace</u> to everyone who <u>works what is good</u>, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

peace: (eirene) peace of mind; properly is of wholeness, when all the essential parts are joined together there in peace, God and the person walking in the Spirit is God's gift of wholeness which brings peace through any circumstances works what is good: (ergazomai agathon) to search and examine, to work, to acquire by labor, to practice, to perform, one's trade, to labor, to minister about, one's trade; to labor toward/ things that originate from God like kindness & good things & living ones life empowered by God though faith/ inherently good things ... so in short for us, doing "good works" for those that are sanctified are natural outpourings of inherently good things from God that we do... so anyone who is truly saved, everything they do that is good is a good work, this is not talking about a check box of tasks that are good works to earn your way into righteousness, they are righteous acts that spill forth from being one of God's children

#### Romans 2:7 <u>eternal life</u> to those who by <u>patient continuance</u> in doing <u>good seek</u> for <u>glory</u>, <u>honor</u>, and <u>immortality</u>;

eternal life: (zoen aionion) perpetual - unending real and genuine perfected life after the resurrection; the promise of hope fulfilled

patient: (hupomoné) remaining patient and steadfast while waiting within difficulties

good: (ergou agathou) actions carried out by internal desire that are inherently and intrinsically good and originate from God; the works that are empowered by faith and leading by God and the Holy Spirit

glory: (doxan) praise, glory, of what evokes a good opinion that inherent worth; splendor

honor: (timen) a perceived value, price, a valuing of, a value assigned to something

seeking: (zetousin) to search for and demand; getting to the bottom of the matter; to inquire & investigate until lone reaches a terminal and binding solution

immortality: (aphtharsain) incorruption, the inability to decay

All of this allows us to see, that Righteousness and Holiness are team effort between the Holy Spirit and our <u>willful agreement</u> to seeking to stay within the boundaries of being Sanctified and actively pursuing and maturing into who God see's us to be. This entire process of being baptized, sanctified and brought into Righteousness by Walking in the Spirit is summarized well in Titus 3:7 ... but we have to look into the original language to see this. **Titus 3:5-8,** But when the kindness and the Love of God our Savior toward man appeared, <u>not by works</u> <u>of righteousness which we have done</u>, but according to His mercy, He saved us, <u>through</u> the <u>washing</u> of <u>regeneration</u> and <u>renewing</u> of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly <u>though</u> Jesus Christ our Savior, that having <u>been justified</u> by His <u>grace</u> we should become heirs according to the <u>hope</u> of eternal life. This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that <u>those who have believed</u> <u>in God</u> should <u>be careful to maintain good works</u>. These things are good and profitable to men.

hrough (dia) the channel of the act (like grace) that allows a thing washing (loutron) the act of bathing, baptism 62 regeneration (paliggenesnesia) the state of spiritual renovation of those consecrated to God t a moral and radical change for the better effected in baptism; the restoration to a pristine/ intended pure state (Mt 19:28)  $\infty$ renewing (anakainosis) a renewal, a complete change for the better effected by the Holy C Spirit maintain (proistasthai) be devoted to; a proper standing to be well-established in character to provide a model for others to follow by impact of example; taking the lead in diligence <u>\_\_</u> and having a respected reputation for; the excellence of living in faith and having an impressive Christian reputation; to preside over, to guard over, to rule over good works (kalos ergon) accomplishments done with a beautiful outward sign on the C+ inward good; good, worthy, honorable character; attractively good that inspires and motivates others to follow what is lovely within ones tasks, employments, behaviors that

accomplish things

Clearly the channel of the act of regeneration by the Holy Spirit is at Baptism, this is a consecration or a setting apart and counts the person <u>as</u> Sanctified. Then the Holy Spirit renews that person continuously... as long as that person does not quench the Holy Spirit and grieve the Holy Spirit and as long as they are actively reserving scripture, setting our minds toward holiness and being led by the Spirit. Then it is also the person's responsibility to do their daily tasks with a leadership mindset, always aware that they are to be inspiring others around them to also do all things with the God given gifts that pour out of them through their efforts, so that they are a living testimony of what a Christian looks like.

**2 Cor 2:1-12** For our boasting is this: the <u>testimony</u> of our <u>conscience</u> that we conducted ourselves in the world in <u>simplicity</u> and godly <u>sincerity</u>, not with fleshly wisdom but by the grace of God, and more abundantly toward you.

testimony (martyrion) the evidence or proof of; the truth of salvation from God to men through Christ conscious (syneidesis) the soul that distinguishes between what is morally good and bad, with a prompt to follow one and condemn and stay clear from the other

simplicity (haplotes) the virtue of one who is free from presence and hypocrisy but lives in mental honesty living in the way his values speak; not self seeking, but of openness of heart in simplicity/honesty and generosity; sharing generously in honesty with a selfless heart

sincerity (syneidesis) purity, clarity & well suited for a purpose

Of course all of this is the tip of the iceberg when entertaining these ideas, but I hope this helped to clarify what Sanctification is and how inseparable it is from not only Baptism, but also Righteousness & Holiness which allow us to be in God's presence as well as be used by God for His purposes.

So the natural question is, how can a person say in right standing before the Lord or are they always in this right standing once they are sanctified? Please watch the other videos in this series, regarding Righteous Living and in which I am to deal with these kind of issues.

Hopefully all of this has been a clarifying adventure to see the heart of God on Sanctification from the Old Testament to our times.