

When Change Seems Distant

“Re-Visiting Sanctification”

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(1 Thessalonians 4:3 KJV)

Understanding God’s Intentions

- 1) God wants to change you to be the person He has in mind for you to be.

“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.”
(Ephesians 2:10 NLT)

- 2) Changing us is what God is all about!

- ◆ Change is what God is best at
- ◆ Change is what God dreams about
- ◆ Change is what God delights in

- 3) Has your relationship with Jesus changed you ?

“...anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” (2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT)

What Must I Do to Change?

(2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT)

- 1) You’ve got to embrace the big picture of what God wants for you.
“For God’s will was for us to be made holy...” (Hebrews 10:10 NLT)
- 2) You’ve got to be willing to be set apart.
“So set yourselves apart to be holy...for I am the Lord Who makes you holy.”
(Leviticus 20:7-8 NLT)
- 3) You’ve got to accept the process of sanctification
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WHAT IS SANCTIFICATION?

- ◆ It means separation unto God
- ◆ It means separation from things that don't line up with God's Word

- 4) You’ve got to cooperate with the Artist!

“I don’t mean to say I am perfect. I haven’t learned all I should even yet, but I keep working toward that day when I will finally be all that Christ saved me for and wants me to be.” (Philippians 3:12 LB)