

September Teaching Theme: What is the Gospel?

讲员 Speaker: Rev. George Wong

题目 Topic: Sanctification

经文 Scripture: Romans 12:1-2

Monthly Theme: This month's theme is "the Gospel" and its implications. **The Gospel of Jesus the Christ is a royal announcement that Jesus is King and his Upside-Down Kingdom will reign forever**, thus we must give our allegiance to King Jesus. Those who give their allegiance to King Jesus are given the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, our Advocate - a downpayment of our inheritance in the Kingdom. **The Spirit applies *the benefits of the gospel* to those who respond with *allegiance*!**

This week we are going to talk about the **Gospel benefit Sanctification**. When we give our allegiance to King Jesus we are given the Holy Spirit who empowers us to walk in transformation. Sanctification is the process by which we are transformed into the image of Jesus as we walk with God. Part of the Good News of the Gospel is you no longer have to live by the ways of the world or enslaved to evil - but you can be transformed. This is simultaneously the work of the Holy Spirit and the choice of the human will to submit to the work of the Spirit.

Resources:

Bible Project Video: [The Gospel of the Kingdom](#) (English) (5:48)

Bible Project Video: [The Gospel of the Kingdom](#) (Chinese) (4:22)

If you have not watched this video yet as a group do so this week

[Pastor Will's Diagram on "Indicatives vs. Imperatives"](#)

For Sermon PPT see Email Attachment

[Sermon Video](#)

For the **Memorization Tool:** If you would like to do this in Quiz format feel free to use my Quizziz Game - <https://quizizz.com/admin/presentation/5f525d946e86cd001e481796>

Important Notes (Pastor Will):

Notes on Romans 12:1-2:

- Worship understood in this sacrificial extent extends the one beyond simply "spiritual" understandings but extends worship into every dimension of life. (Priesthood of All Believers). Christian "worship" isn't confined to one place or one time or even one "method." The communal gathering for "worship" and edification is necessary and scriptural but Christian worship isn't confined to only that. We choose to "live as sacrifices" each day, in each moment.
- "This world" (this age) is the sin-dominated, death producing realm (things are not how they are supposed to be). The Christian, however, can live within "this world" in light of their citizenship in the Kingdom. From this place, we resist the pressure to live by the world's ways (death, injustice, hierarchy, etc.) but are "transformed" by the means of

“renewing our mind” to operate by the ways of the Kingdom (ethics, justice, Holy Spirit-filled, barrier-breaking, love, mercy, etc.)

Notes on Indicative and Imperatives in the Bible:

This passage (Romans 12:1-2) and Sanctification are a cross-section between “who we are” in the Gospel and “what we are called to do” because of the Gospel. The Bible and the Gospel message contain both “indicatives” (telling us who we are in Christ) and “imperatives” (commands telling us how to live in light of what God has done). Sanctification is both through the power of the Holy Spirit and the choice to follow the imperatives.

- Indicatives - tell us what something is (ex. This is a Book)
- Imperative - tells us what to do (ex. Open the book)

This idea is captured in Questions 2 and 3 in Discussion.

Discussion Questions:

- (1) Read Romans 12:1-2 together. What observations do you make and what stands out to you? How would you summarize the passage? What does “transformed” mean to you?
- (2) What is the difference between Justification and Sanctification? 称义与成圣之间有什么不同？
- (3) Can you describe what is Gospel Call, Regeneration, Justification, Adoption, and Sanctification? 试讲述什么是福音呼唤、重生、称义、得儿子名份与成圣的定义是什么？
- (4) What are the three stages of Sanctification? 何为成圣三步曲？
- (5) What should you do on the road of sanctification? 在成圣的道路上你要做些什么？
- (6) Among the eight areas of sanctification, which one is your weakest area, how are you going to improve? 在成圣道路的八个领域中，你应该要在那方面加强以及如何加强？
- (7) What else you can do in order to grow likeness to Christ? 除了那八个领域，还有那些方面可以让更加学像耶稣基督？

Memorization Tool: What is the Gospel? How do we respond to the Gospel? What can followers of Jesus look forward to? What is the Gospel benefit “Justification”? What is the Gospel benefit “Reconciliation”? What is the Gospel benefit “Ransom”? What is the Gospel benefit of “Adoption”? What is the Gospel benefit “Sanctification”? (**bold** = short version for memory)

- The Gospel of Jesus the Christ is a royal announcement that **Jesus is King** and his Upside-Down Kingdom will reign forever.
- We are called to respond by **giving our allegiance** (inclusive of faith, loyalty, trust) to King Jesus.
- Our hope is looking forward to Jesus' return establishing the **New Heaven and New Earth**, where those who give King Jesus allegiance will reign with God forever.
- The Gospel benefit “justification”: Those who give their allegiance to King Jesus are **declared not guilty** being freed from both the penalty of sin and the power of sin.
- The Gospel benefit “reconciliation”: God through Jesus has **healed the fractured relationship between God and humanity**. From this place, we can seek reconciliation in our human relationships.
- The Gospel benefit “ransom”: God through Jesus' death on the cross has **bought us out of slavery to sin** and now empowers you through the Holy Spirit to live as the “new humanity.”

- The Gospel benefit “adoption”: Those who give their allegiance to King Jesus are now **adopted into the royal family of God** and can call God “Abba” (Daddy)
- The Gospel benefit “sanctification”: We are being **transformed** by the work of the Spirit and are called to choose to live a “transformed” life.

Sermon Summary (Elder Yin):

“这样，你们向罪也当看自己是死的；向神在基督耶稣里，却当看自己是活的。所以，不要容罪在你们必死的身上作王，使你们顺从身子的私欲。也不要将你们的肢体献给罪作不义的器具；倒要像从死里复活的人，将自己献给神，并将肢体作义的器具献给神。”

罗马书 6:11-13 CUNPSS-神

<https://www.bible.com/48/rom.6.11-13.cunpss-神>

“我已经与基督同钉十字架，现在活着的不再是我，乃是基督在我里面活着；并且我如今在肉身活着，是因信神的儿子而活；他是爱我，为我舍己。”

加拉太书 2:20 CUNPSS-神

<https://www.bible.com/48/gal.2.20.cunpss-神>

“所以，弟兄们，我以神的慈悲劝你们，将身体献上，当作活祭，是圣洁的，是神所喜悦的；你们如此事奉乃是理所当然的。不要效法这个世界，只要心意更新而变化，叫你们察验何为神的善良、纯全、可喜悦的旨意。

在指望中要喜乐；在患难中要忍耐；祷告要恒切。”

罗马书 12:1-2, 12 CUNPSS-神

<https://www.bible.com/48/rom.12.1-2,12.cunpss-神>

成圣：一生学象耶稣

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福音的呼召，福音中提到神的爱，提到人得到神的时候就得到好处神的拯救和神的拯救，这是给所有的人，白白的得着。得救后称主为神-神赐新生命，得儿子名分。接下来是成圣的功夫。成圣是逐渐远离罪，越来越象神。救赎全是神的工作，我们不必化功夫，只要接受。与神同钉十架的强盗也得救，虽然他没有机会来改变他的恶习。但成圣是神与人的合作，且是一生的工作，越来越象耶稣。称义是法律上神算我们为义，而成圣是内心的改变。接下来要对付罪。成圣一生不断的成长。成圣这一生是无法达到，对付自己。是我们的目标。每人成圣程度不一样。

一，成圣的三步曲

1，从重生开始，

—神赐新的生命，成圣是有开始。一定要先信。

—不需要我们做什么。

2，是一生的成长。“弟兄们，我不是以为自己已经得着了；我只有一件事，就是忘记背后，努力面前的，向着标竿直跑，要得神在基督耶稣里从上面召我来得的奖赏。”

腓立比书 3:13-14

—甚至保罗都觉得自己还不够。每天要寻求神的帮助我们属灵生命成长，灵命成长象逆水行舟，不进则退，如果我们说我们基督徒的生活是每天读圣经和祷告而已，保持原状就退步了，因为世界是逆反对神的，象逆水，不进则退。向罪死不再让罪控制。

—这阶段我们有很多可做。

3, 成圣在我们离世时得以完全。

—当肉体死亡时, 我们灵魂在罪中介脱。

—这阶段我们做不了什么。

二, 成圣是一生的成长

1, 一生为主而活

—“我已经与基督同钉十字架, 现在活着的不再是我, 乃是基督在我里面活着; 并且我如今在肉身活着, 是因信 神的儿子而活; 他是爱我, 为我舍己。”加拉太书 2:20

—信主前你为世界活, 你是自己的主。或者世界是你的主, 信主后基督是你的主。称耶稣为主。

你是否让祂为你的主。成圣就是要确定耶稣是你的主。

2, 将自己当活祭,

—“所以, 弟兄们, 我以 神的慈悲劝你们, 将身体献上, 当作活祭, 是圣洁的, 是 神所喜悦的; 你们如此事奉乃是理所当然的。不要效法这个世界, 只要心意更新而变化, 叫你们察验何为神的善良、纯全、可喜悦的旨意。”罗马书 12:1-2,

—愿为主而活就献祭, 被世界同化, 效法

—被圣灵改变.心意更新

3, 渴慕灵奶,

—“所以, 你们既除去一切的恶毒、诡诈, 并假善、嫉妒, 和一切毁谤的话, 就要爱慕那纯净的灵奶, 像才生的婴孩爱慕奶一样, 叫你们因此渐长, 以致得救。你们若尝过主恩的滋味, 就必如此。”彼得前书 2:1-3

—要读圣经, 研读, 遵行, 教导, 你在那一个阶段。魔鬼就是听但做的。教导和遵守一定是一起的。以身作则, 神话是灵粮。

4, 坚持不懈的祷告, 与神交通, 听神的话,

—“在指望中要喜乐; 在患难中要忍耐; 祷告要恒切。”罗马书 12:12。

—恒切祷告。“靠着 圣灵, 随时多方祷告祈求; 并要在此警醒不倦, 为众圣徒祈求, ”

以弗所书 6:18

—在圣灵带领下为众人祷告。“应当一无挂虑, 只要凡事借着祷告、祈求, 和感谢, 将你们所要的告诉 神。神所赐、出人意外的平安必在基督耶稣里保守你们的心怀意念。”腓立比书 4:6-7

—疫情中很多担心, 但很多事情我们做不了什么, 但忧虑, 要祷告。

5, 过圣洁的生活,

—“神的旨意就是要你们成为圣洁, 远避淫行; 要你们各人晓得怎样用圣洁、尊贵守着自己的身体, 不放纵私欲的邪情, 像那不认识 神的外邦人。”帖撒罗尼迦前书 4:3-5

—和外邦人不同, 要圣洁, 不要向外邦人效法,

—要自洁, 离弃卑贱的事

—神要用圣洁的人, 不是才能或财富。如果圣洁就能被神所用。生活不圣洁会影响我们和神的关系。

—圣洁能成为圣洁的器皿。

6, 爱心需要有行动

—“我赐给你们一条新命令, 乃是叫你们彼此相爱; 我怎样爱你们, 你们也要怎样相爱。你们若有彼此相爱的心, 众人因此就认出你们是我的门徒了。”约翰福音 13:34-35

—爱心是行动的不是口头的,

—没有人见过神, 但通过爱心的行为我们能活出神的样子。

—太5:48, “所以, 你们要完全, 像你们的天父完全一样。”马太福音 5:48

—在神爱里的完全

7, 引人归主,

—“务要传道，无论得时不得时总要专心，并用百般的忍耐、各样的教训责备人，警戒人，劝勉人。”提摩太后书 4:2

—“我不以福音为耻；这福音本是 神的大能，要救一切相信的，先是犹太人，后是希腊人。”罗马书 1:16

—“耶稣进前来，对他们说：「天上地下所有的权柄都赐给我了。所以，你们要去，使万民作我的门徒，奉父、子、圣灵的名给他们施洗。凡我所吩咐你们的，都教训他们遵守，我就常与你们同在，直到世界的末了。」”马太福音 28:18-20

—成圣的生命不只是拿，也要给。好象光吃不行，还要锻练。疫情中也可以做传福音的工作。爱人和传福音我们在下成圣的功夫

8, 靠圣灵过着圣灵充满的日子

—“只是我告诉你们，凡向弟兄动怒的，难免受审断；凡骂弟兄是拉加的，难免公会的审断；凡骂弟兄是魔利的，难免地狱的火。所以，你在祭坛上献礼物时，若想起弟兄向你怀怨，就把礼物留在坛前，先去同弟兄和好，然后来献礼物。你同告你的对头还在路上，就赶紧与他和息，恐怕他把你送给审判官，审判官交付衙役，你就下在监里了。”马太福音 5:22-25

—信主后有圣灵充满的日子，

—成圣是圣灵的工作。

三, 总结：

—成圣在死时得完全，虽然我们不能完全成圣，但主耶稣基督帮助我们得完全。

Sanctification: Growth in Likeness to Christ

Pastor Huang

Romans 6:11-13;

Galatians 2:20;

Romans 12:1-2, 12

Sanctification is to grow to be the likeness of Jesus in our life time

Wayne Grudem: systematic theology The gospel call. Redeem us when we accept his gospel. Freely given to us, through His grace. We receive Him, get a new spiritual life, considered righteous by God. Let his love show through us.

Regeneration: by which god imparts new life to us

Sanctification is progressive work of God and man that makes us more and more free from sin and like Christ in our actual lives.

Salvation is all about the grace of God, we just receive the gift. By faith, not wait until you cover the whole books of the Bible and pass the exams or after you correct all your bad habits. That's not necessary. Remember the criminal hanging on the right side with Jesus, asked Him to remember him, Jesus said TONIGHT you will be with me in paradise. So redemption is ALL god's work

But sanctification, you need to get to work, it's a life long journey. So that we can be more and more like Christ.

Compare justification&sanctification:

Justification:

legal standing, we are CONSIDERED as righteous by God

Once for all

Entirely God's work

Perfect in this life

The same in all Christians

Sanctification:

internal condition

On going transformation, continuous throughout our life

We cooperate with God

we can not be perfect in this life

Greater in some than in others

Three stages of Sanctification:

1. Has a definite beginning at regeneration. A moral change occurs in our life

Without accepting Jesus, you are still on your own effort, the work of the sanctification is through Christ's help

2. Increases throughout life

Philippians 3:13-14 press on toward the goal, an example by Paul

Seeking the guidance of HS continually because without growing means going backward, since the flow of the world is against us

Consider ourselves dead to sin, turn away from the life in sin, in bondage of sin

3. Completed only at death

Since we can never reach perfection, only when we die and go to be with lord, then the sanctification is done

Our journey from slaves in sin to growing in holiness—the second stage is the only period that we work, so be diligent in the second stage:

1. Live for Christ

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified w Christ, what living is no longer me but Christ in me.

Transfer my lordship to Jesus. Though I live in this flesh in this world ut I live by faith in Jesus

2. Offer ourselves as living sacrifice to God

Romans 12:1-2 holy, acceptable to God, be transformed by renewing our mind. Never to be conformed by this world—separate us away from this world

3. Long for the pure milk of the Word—study, obey and teach

1peter2:1-3 put away all wickedness, desire God's word like new born baby longing for mother's milk.

Not just read, but obey His word, then teach His word

Don't read God's word for others, to criticize others, Satan is a good example of that

Instead obey His word at our own life

Like parents model their teaching for their kids, in action, do when we preach.

4. Continuing steadfast in prayers

Romans 12:12 listen to God in prayer, not just one side talking

Rejoice in hope, endure in troubles, continue in prayer

Ephesians 6:18

Request for all saints, be watchful

Don't worry:

Not be anxious, but in everything by prayer, such our Job, health, study, etc all situations

God will give us peace, protection of our hearts

5. Live in holiness

1thess4:3-5 the will of God is of our sanctification, to set us apart from the gentiles, be more holy. Should not live a sinful life like a nonbeliever

Be a vessel for honor, sanctified, suitable for God, purge ourselves from sins, so we can be useful to God

Present ourselves to God as righteous

6. Love in actions

John 13:34-35 love each other, so others may recognize us as God's people—a new command from God

None seen God

Be perfect as your father in Heaven mat 5:48

7. Lead people to Christ

2tim 4:2

Be urgent in preaching His word

Not ashamed of Gospel, eager to preach the Good News

Mat 28:19-20 the great commission

Go and make disciples of all nations

Grow when we serve

8. Filled by HS

Galatians 5:22-25

Live and walk by the HS, so we can have the fruits of the HS

Sanctification is also the work of HS, fill w HS so we can grow

Summary:

Three stages of sanctification: begin w salvation; long journey of growth in 2nd stage (8 points total); complete only when we go to see the Lord