

The Holy Spirit's Work of Sanctification, Part 2

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There is a *goal*, a *telos*, a *completion point* of sanctification. What is God's goal in sanctification? Christlikeness. If the Spirit is making us like Jesus, it is important for us to know Jesus!

Jesus was born "of the flesh." In other words, He is a real human being, Luke 1:31-35; Romans 1:1-3; Hebrews 2:16-18 Jesus, too, was born "of the Spirit." Luke 1:35; Romans 1:3-4; Matthew 3:6-17. **Jesus is a true man, truly filled with the Spirit of God (as, truly God).** How did He live?

1. Completely devoted to the glory of the Father in the power of the Spirit, John 17:1-5
2. Perfectly humble in the power of the Spirit, Isaiah 42:1-3; Isaiah 53:1-3; Matthew 11:28-30; Philippians 2:5-8
3. Perfect in compassion, gentleness, and kindness in the power of the Spirit, Mark 1:40-41; Mark 6:34; Mark 8:2
4. Perfectly patient in the power of the Spirit, Matthew 17:17-18; John 14:7-9
5. Perfectly joyful in the power of the Spirit, Psalm 45:6-7
6. Perfectly faithful and self controlled in the power of the Spirit, Matthew 4:1, 10-11; Luke 22:39-44.

Now, remember, according to Paul, God's whole plan is for us to be conformed into the image of the Son, Romans 8:29.

Let's connect the dots: this was the plan from the beginning—that human beings would be conformed to our father, the chief image bearer, Genesis 1:26-28. Then, they fell. We need a new "father." The Messiah is "the image of the invisible God." Messiah will be our "Everlasting Father," Isaiah 9:6. Unto Him is given this redeemed-Adamic dominion! Matthew 28:18-20.

Jesus is the New Adam, and we are to be conformed into HIS image, not the man of dust's anymore! 1 Corinthians 15:47-49.

So, we are to "be like Jesus." Let's see how:

1. We are human beings; the Son became a human being to save us.
2. We, too, have been born of the Spirit of God, Galatians 4:6-7
3. Jesus perfectly walked out love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. We now can imitate Him! Galatians 5:22-25.

We live holy lives like Jesus. That is how the Spirit is sanctifying us. But, it does not end there. Our imitation of Jesus is not only how we act in earthly situations. **Jesus's whole experience as the heir of God and New Creation is, now, given to us.**

What else happened to Jesus?

4. He was crucified, and He died. We too have been crucified *with Him*, Romans 6:6, Galatians 2:20.
5. Jesus rose from the dead! We now—spiritually—have been raised from the dead, Romans 6:4, Ephesians 2:4-5
6. Jesus's resurrected body is supernatural and of the New Creation, Luke 24:36-39, Revelation 1:12-16. Our destiny also is to shine in glorified and immortal bodies! Daniel 12:1-3, Matthew 13:43, 1 John 3:1-3.
7. Jesus ascended into heaven, and now, in the Spirit, so have we with Him, Ephesians 2:6, Romans 5:1-2.
8. Yet, not only spiritually, but just as Jesus ascended physically into heaven, so will we, 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17
9. Jesus will descend from heaven to earth (Rev. 10:1-2), and so will we with Him, Deut. 33:1-2; Isaiah 13:2-5; Joel 3:11; Zech. 14:5; 1 Thess. 3:13; Rev. 19:11-14
10. When Jesus comes, He will receive the inheritance of the Kingdom and New Creation (Ps. 2:7-8; Col. 1:15-16)—so will we, with Him, Matt. 25:32; Rom. 8:16-17; Eph. 3:5-6; 1 Pet. 1:3-4; Rev. 20:4.

All of this is the work of Whom? From the Father, through the Son... **and by the Holy Spirit.**

The Holy Spirit gave you new birth in the Spirit. He will not rest until He gives you new birth in glorified flesh, and brings you into the inheritance of your Master, in perfection. Psalm 138:7-8; Philippians 1:6

Give Jesus no rest until He makes Jerusalem a praise (Is. 62:7). **Give the Spirit no rest until He makes you like Jesus, to completion**, 1 Corinthians 15:42-45.

The Holy Spirit has begun to make us like Jesus. *He will complete His work, fully.* We will be like Jesus, in perfection!

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, "Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely. And may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will do it."