

All True Disciples Grow!
Hebrews 12:14



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2016 Discipleship Matters: Am I Truly A Disciple?

Hebrews 12:14

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

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I. Holiness refers to sanctification.

“Holiness” refers to **sanctification**.

It literally means to **set apart**.

Sanctification means to be set apart to God from sin, for the purpose of bringing Him glory.

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- Positional Sanctification
 - Progressive Sanctification
 - Ultimate Sanctification

Positional Sanctification:

All true believers have been sanctified.

1 Corinthians 1:2

...to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours.

Progressive Sanctification:

All true believers should be advancing in sanctification.

1 Peter 1:14-16

As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation [conduct/manner of life]; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

Ultimate Sanctification:

All true believers will be (i.e. in the future) completely sanctified.

Philippians 3:20-21 (ESV)

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself.

1 John 3:2

...when [Christ] shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.

1 Corinthians 15:51b-52a

...we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye...

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Follow (i.e. strive for)...holiness (i.e. **progressive sanctification**), without which no man shall see the Lord.

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- II. Hebrews 12:14 is talking about progressive sanctification.**
- III. All true disciples of Jesus Christ progress in their sanctification.**

If you are truly saved, you **WILL** progress in your sanctification!

The bible teaches that a believer's spiritual growth occurs **progressively**.



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1 Peter 2:2

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.



Don't force feed yourself!

Read your bible and pray every day and you grow, grow, grow!

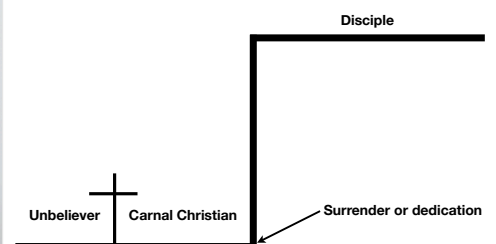
The bible does not demand a single, post-conversion, once and for all moment of dedication or total surrender.

Luke 9:23

...If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

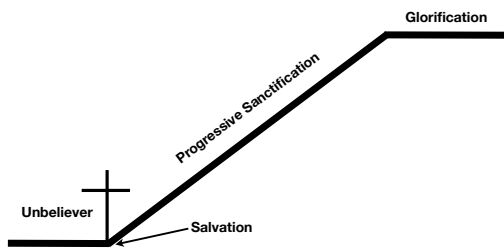


“Crisis” Sanctification





Progressive Sanctification



1 John 2:3 (ESV)

And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.

1 John 2:5-6 (ESV)

But whoever keeps His word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in Him: whoever says he abides in Him ought to walk in the same way in which He walked.

Christ-likeness is the greatest assurance of knowing God!

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III. All true disciples of Jesus Christ progress in their sanctification.

- A. Growing in Christ-likeness is the hallmark of a true disciple!
- B. True disciples are not sinlessly perfect.

1 John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.



(Spiritually) Dead men don't struggle!

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1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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- IV. Those who do not progress in their sanctification are not born again.

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Follow (i.e. strive for)...holiness (i.e. progressive sanctification), **without which no man shall see the Lord.**

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- IV. Those who do not progress in their sanctification are not born again.
 - A. Some people make professions of faith, yet fail to grow.

Matthew 7:21a

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven...

Matthew 7:22-23

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Matthew 7:21b

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; **but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.**

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Those who live a life that is characterised by the habitual, unrepentant practice of sin (“the works of the flesh”) are not Christians - **Galatians 5:19-21.**

True believers will evidence the fruit of the Spirit - **Galatians 5:22-23.**

James 2:14 (ESV)

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?

James 2:17, 26 (ESV)

So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead... For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

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- A. Some people make professions of faith, yet fail to grow.**
- B. Some appear to grow for a time, but later deny what they once believed and return to their former lives of sin.**

Those who unrepentantly deny Christianity in doctrine or behavior face eternal destruction – even if they professed Christianity in the past.

Am I truly a disciple?

- 1 John 1:6
- 1 John 2:4
- 1 John 2:18-19
- 1 John 3:6, 8-10

1 John 1:6

If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth.

1 John 2:4

He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

1 John 2:18-19 (ESV)

Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.

1 John 2:22 (ESV)

Who is the liar but **he who denies that Jesus is the Christ?** This is the antichrist, **he who denies the Father and the Son.**

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1 John 3:6, 8-10 (ESV)

No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him...Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 3:6, 8-10 (ESV, cont'd)

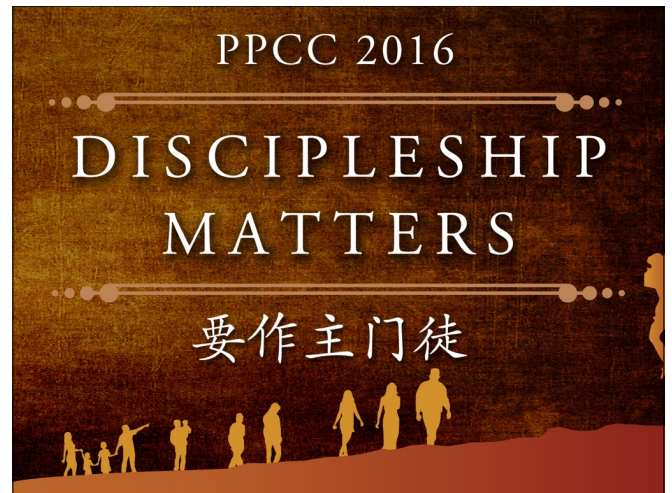
No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God. By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

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