

The Image and Glory of God Part 4

Small Group Questions ([audio here](#))¹

I. Define the following

a. Regeneration

b. Justification

c. Sanctification

2. Do you view your sanctification (growth in Christ likeness) as an event in time or a process that occurs for the rest of your life? If you view it as a process, honestly evaluate where you think you are in the process.

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3. According to Romans 6:14, “sin will have no dominion over you” (Romans 6:14 ESV), why then do we still struggle with sin?

4. What are the realities of our state and what does God call us to according to the passages below?

a. Romans 6:11 & 18.

b. Romans 6:12.

c. Romans 6:13 & 19.

d. Romans 6:14.

e. Romans 6:16.

f. Romans 6:17.

5. What are your thoughts regarding sanctification from these verses?

a. 2 Corinthians 3:18

b. Philippians 3:13-14

c. Hebrews 12:1

d. 1 Timothy 4:7-8

e. Colossians 4:12

f. 1 Corinthians 9:27

6. Is your faith personal and private or do you have men that you are regularly connecting with around subjects of faith (see Matthew 18:15-20 & 1 Corinthians 12:12-27)?

7. The Bible encourages us to be watchful or alert, what is it telling us to do (see Matthew 24:42-43, 25:13; Mark 13:34-35, 37; Luke 12:37; Acts 20:31; 1 Corinthians 16:13; Colossians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:6, 1 Peter 5:8)?

8. What type of actions does the bible call us to in dealing with sins in our lives (See Colossians 3:1-17; Matthew 5:27-30, 18:7-9; Mark 9:43-49)?
9. Hebrews 12:1 tells us to “throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles,” what can hinder our pursuit of Christ other than sin?
10. What things do you dwell upon & fantasize about? Are these eternal and ultimate or are they temporal and trivial?
11. Name one thing that you enjoy that is not “morally wrong,” but tends to occupy too much of your time, energy and effort (at least in your mind)? Discuss how this thing can tend to produce competing affections with Christ.
12. What does your devotional life look like? Is it a regular part of your routine?
13. Why did God call you to Himself (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)?

14. How do these verses encourage you in your sanctification process? (1 Thessalonians 4:7; 2 Timothy 1:9; Ephesians 1:3-4, 5:25-26; Romans 8:29-30; 2 Thessalonians 2:13)?

15. According to Philippians 1:6, Who began the work in you? Who will bring it to completion? How does this encourage you?

Recommended Resources:

Colossians, Part 13 ([here](#))

¹http://fm.thevillagechurch.net/resource_files/audio/200808280630HWC21ATAAB_MattChandler_MBS2008bPt4-TheImageAndGloryOfGod.mp3