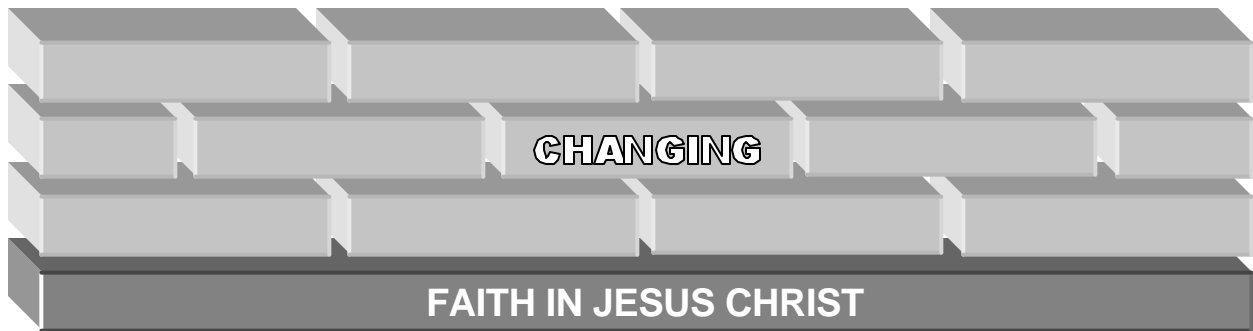


LESSON 6

How to become more godly



We do not become perfect when we are saved; we become a child of God. We also enter a life-long process of change called *sanctification*. We need to imagine that for the rest of our natural lives we are “Under Construction.” Once we are saved, we are motivated by gratitude to be as godly or as holy as possible. As our relationship with God gets stronger, we will want to change things in our life that we realize are not pleasing to Him.

 1 Thessalonians 5:23

- ☞ What does “the very God of peace” do wholly for you? _____
- ☞ From now until the time Christ comes again, how should we seek to be preserved by God? _____

 Romans 7:14-25

- ☞ After Paul became a Christian, he still struggled with doing right. In vs. 19, what was his natural tendency towards “the good” things that he wished he “would” do? _____ What was his natural tendency towards “the evil” things that he wished he “would not” do? _____.
- ☞ It is my _____ nature that still dwells in me after I am saved that continues to encourage me to do wrong rather than right. (vs.20)
- ☞ What did Paul say that showed disgust with his own tendency to sin? (vs.24)

- ☞ We should thank God that we can still focus on obeying or “serving” the _____ (which is the Bible) with our _____ even though our sinful “flesh” wants to live by a different law. (vs.25)

 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7

- ☞ If we are to abound in our Christian life, we need to receive instructions in how we ought to _____ and _____. (vs.1)
- ☞ We know how to live our Christian life by following _____ we receive from the Word of God. (vs.2)
- ☞ What specific sin does the Bible say we are to abstain from if we want to do the will of God? (vs.3) _____
- ☞ Every Christian must learn how to care for his own life or _____ by living different than the world which is called _____ and by bringing glory to God which is called _____. (vs.4)
- ☞ God has not called us unto _____, but unto _____. (vs.7)

 Romans 12:1-2

- ☞ Like the Israelites of old would dedicate animals to God, as believers we are to “present” _____ as a _____ sacrifice to God.
- ☞ We make our lives “acceptable” unto God by not being _____ to the world, but being _____. (vs.2) In other words, I am going to strive to NOT live like the world, but to live as God would have me live.
- ☞ I am able to do this as I _____ my mind. (vs. 2) This means I need to *renovate* my thinking based on the instruction of the Bible. I must seek guidance continually from my own personal Bible reading and sound preaching.

 1 Peter 1:13-16

- ☞ What are we commanded to be in vs.16? _____ Why? _____
- ☞ In what areas of our life or “conversation” are we to be holy? (vs.15) _____
- ☞ We are to avoid following or “fashioning” ourselves according to our _____ which is the sinful desires we pursued in “ignorance” when we did not know any better. As a believer, we know better and should live better. (vs.14)

(2 Peter 3:18) But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.