

# MESSAGE OUTLINE

## Sunday, February 11, 2024



CHURCH

הקהילה מתקדמת

10:30am Sunday 13095 Publishers Drive, Fishers

Today's Message: **SANCTIFICATION**

Galatians 3:1-9

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Don't we all have things that are set apart for special purposes? Like "Sunday-go-to-meetin' clothes." Did you know that the Lord has things that are set apart only for His use?

*Exodus 30:37–38 (NLT) Never use this formula to make this incense for yourselves. It is reserved for the Lord, and you must treat it as holy.<sup>38</sup> Anyone who makes incense like this for personal use will be cut off from the community.*

*1 Corinthians 6:19–20a (NLT) Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself,<sup>20</sup> for God bought you with a high price.*

### **Paul describes how this works in our text today...**

*Galatians 3:1–9 (ESV) O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified.<sup>2</sup> Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?<sup>3</sup> Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now **being perfected** by the flesh?<sup>4</sup> Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain?<sup>5</sup> Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith—<sup>6</sup> just as Abraham "believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"?<sup>7</sup> Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham.<sup>8</sup> And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed."<sup>9</sup> So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.*

v. 3b Having **begun by the Spirit**, are you now **being perfected** by the flesh? NO!

**Having begun in the Spirit** = Baptism of the Holy Spirit: the act of the Holy Spirit by which He immerses (baptizes) a person into the body of Messiah.

What does Paul mean by "being perfected?"

**"Being perfected"** (ἐπιτελέω) = to bring to an end; to finish, to complete, to perfect; to carry out to completion...therefore, a process.

### **God is perfecting us... (Potter & clay metaphor)**

*Jeremiah 18:2–6 (NLT) "Go down to the potter's shop, and I will speak to you there."<sup>3</sup> So I did as he told me and found the potter working at his wheel.<sup>4</sup> But the jar he was making did not turn out as he had hoped, so he crushed it into a lump of clay again and started over.<sup>5</sup> Then the LORD gave me this message:<sup>6</sup> "O Israel, can I not do to you as this potter has done to his clay? As the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand."*

*Isaiah 64:8 (NLT) And yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, and you are the potter. We all are formed by your hand.*

*Isaiah 45:9 (NLT) "What sorrow awaits those who argue with their Creator. Does a clay pot argue with its maker? Does the clay dispute with the one who shapes it, saying, 'Stop, you're doing it wrong!' Does the pot exclaim, 'How clumsy can you be?'"*

*Ephesians 2:10 (NLT) For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.*

**Sanctification** = to make holy or sacred; set apart holy unto God; moving a person from secular to sacred status; the process of God's grace by which the believer is separated from sin and becomes dedicated to God's righteousness; the work of the Holy Spirit bringing the whole nature more and more under the influences of the new gracious principles implanted in the soul in regeneration.

The 3 Concepts of Sanctification:

**1. Positional Sanctification**—the moment we trusted Jesus we were set apart as holy unto the Lord

*Hebrews 10:14 (ESV) For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.*

**2. Process Sanctification**—the Lord is continually at work in our lives to make us holy by shaping us to conform to the image of His Son

*Romans 8:29a (ESV) For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son.*

**3. Permanent Sanctification**—one day we will be perfected in holiness where we will eternally live with the Lord

*Romans 8:30 (ESV) And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.*

## **Justification – Sanctification – Glorification**

### **Process of Sanctification**

*2 Timothy 2:21 (ESV) Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.*

*John 17:17 (NIV84) Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.*

*2 Timothy 3:16a, 17 (NKJV) All Scripture is given by inspiration of God...<sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

*Romans 12:2 (NLT) Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*

*1 Thessalonians 4:3–4 (ESV) For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality;<sup>4</sup> that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor,*

**Note:** God uses Tragedies, Humiliations, Failures, Hurts, to test and discipline us for the purpose of shaping us into the image of His Son.

*James 1:2–4 (NLT) Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. <sup>3</sup> For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. <sup>4</sup> So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.*

*Romans 5:3–4 (NIV84) Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope.*

*Hebrews 12:11 (NLT) No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.*

Holiness chorus:

Take my life and form it;  
Take my mind transform it;  
Take my will conform it;  
To Yours, to Yours, O Lord.

*1 John 3:2 (NIV84) Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.*

**“Sinless Perfection”** or “Entire Sanctification” – *A Plain Account of Christian Perfection* by John Wesley flows logically from his Arminian Theology

*1 John 1:8 (NIV84) If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.*

## **SO WHAT? Where are you fighting against the Potter's hand?**

*Philippians 2:12 (ESV) Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,*

*2 Corinthians 4:7 (NIV84) But we have this treasure in **jars of clay** to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.*

## **The Lord's Supper**

*1 Corinthians 11:28 (NLT) That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:23 (ESV) Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*



## ONWARD CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

**1. ONWARD MARRIAGE RETREAT 2024**—February 24-25 at the Brown County Inn, Nashville, Indiana. Speaker: Matthew A. Vander Wiele, Ed.D. 40 rooms available for limited time. Double Queen Rooms @ \$130 + tax; King Rooms @ \$140 + tax; Rooms will be held until 1/24/24. Please call to reserve rooms at the Inn at 1-800-772-5249 or online ~ [www.browncountyinn.com](http://www.browncountyinn.com). Must give **Promo Code 0973**.

**2. YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT**—6-8pm. Dinner provided \$3/ student.

**3. LADIES BIBLE STUDIES**—studying 1 & 2 Timothy (two study options):

- Wednesdays, 9:30am at Kathy Stump's house (12928 Whitehaven Lane, Fishers)
- Thursdays, 7pm at Lynda North's house (9929 Brightwater Dr., Fishers)

**4. MEN'S BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES EACH FRIDAY AT 7AM**

**5. PAL ("PARENTS OF ADDICTED LOVED ONES") MEETING**—This is for families of adult children dealing with substance addiction. Every Tuesday night, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Free weekly meetings. Dr. Nancy Smith, facilitator. For more information, contact [nancy1108smith@gmail.com](mailto:nancy1108smith@gmail.com) or 317-508-8149.

**6. GIVE BIBLES IN HONOR OF OR IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE**—The Gideons have provided a display on the counter in the foyer for you to give God's word in honor or in memory of a loved one.

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