

Stonegate's Mission Statement: We are everyday people **being transformed** Jesus to love and influence others every day.

"The most important thing about a man is not what he does, it is who he **becomes**."

Dallas Willard

Justification	Sanctification
Legal standing	Internal condition
Once for all time	Continuous throughout life
Entirely God's work	We cooperate with God
Perfect in this life	Not perfect in this life
The same in all Christians	Greater in some than in others

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Scriptural Call for Christlikeness:

Romans 8:29, "For those he foreknew he also predestined to be **conformed** to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters."

1 John 2:6, "The one who says he remains in him should walk just as he **walked**."

John 13:15, "For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have **done** for you."

John 13: 34, "I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another."

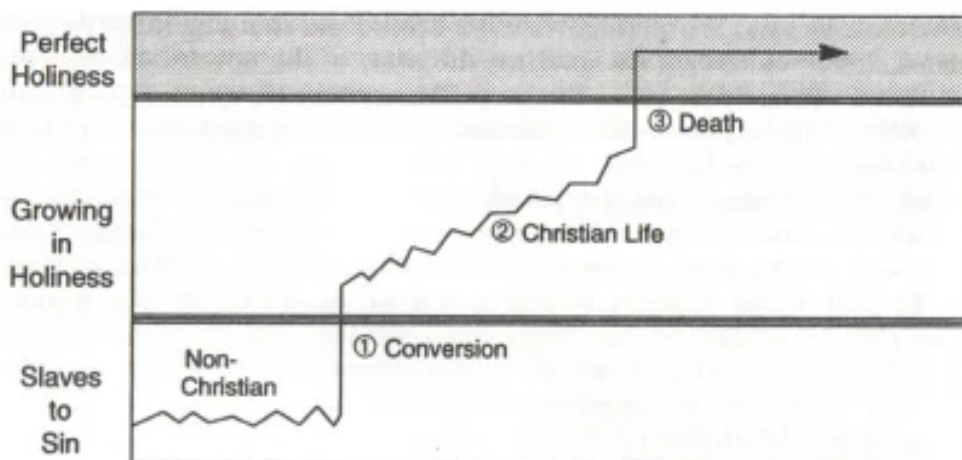
Matthew 11:29, "Take my yoke upon you and learn **from me**, because I am lowly and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

1 Peter 2:21, "For you were called to this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an **example**, that you should follow in his steps."

Ephesians 4:32-5:2, "And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ. Therefore, be **imitators** of God, as dearly loved children, ²and walk in love, as Christ also loved us and gave himself for us, a sacrificial and fragrant offering to God."

Christlikeness; It's a **Lifelong Gradual** Process.

¹ Wayne Grudem. *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine*.



THE PROCESS OF SANCTIFICATION
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1 John 3:2-3, ²"Dear friends, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he appears, we will be like him because we will see him as he is. ³And everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself just as he is pure. **Philippians 1:6** I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to **completion** until the day of Christ Jesus.

"The sculpture is already complete within the marble block, before I start my work. It is already there. I just have to chisel away the superfluous material." Michelangelo

Christlikeness: How are we made like Him?

Sanctification starts with God.

Romans 8:29 "For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters."

Philippians 2:13, " For it is God who is **working in you** both to will and to work according to his good purpose."

Hebrews 13:20-21, " Now may the God of peace, who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus—the great Shepherd of the sheep—through the blood of the everlasting covenant, ²¹**Equip you** with everything good to do his will, working in us what is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

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. ²⁴He who calls you is faithful; he will do it."

Because God is at work in us, we must engage in the battle for Sanctification.

Philippians 2:12 ¹²Therefore, my dear friends, just as you have always obeyed, so now, not only in my presence but even more in my absence, **work out** your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Romans 8:13, "because if you live according to the flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you **put to death** the deeds of the body, you will live."

2 Peter 1:5-8, ⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with goodness, goodness with knowledge, ⁶knowledge with self-control, self-control with endurance, endurance with godliness, ⁷godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being useless or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Galatians 5:16, ¹⁶I say, then, walk by the Spirit and you will certainly not carry out the desire of the flesh.”

Ephesians 6:11, “Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the schemes of the devil.”

James 4:7-10, ⁷Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Be miserable and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.”

Christlikeness, what do I have to do?

- Who has your **affections**?
- Who is **speaking** into your life?
- Who are you **pouring** into?

Discussion Questions:

1. What stood out to you from today’s lesson?
2. In the past or present, who has poured into your life in a way that helped you grow?
3. How can the men around you pray for one another this week?