



Colossians – Part 7 Escaping Life in the World

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1. Sanctification is a _____ process.

Colossians 3:5-10 (NLT), “⁵ So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you...”

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 (NASB), “³ For this is the will of God, your **sanctification**; that is, that you **abstain** from sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you know how to **possess** his own vessel in **sanctification** and honor, ⁵ **not** in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶ and that **no man transgresses and defrauds** his brother in the matter because the Lord is the avenger in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned you. ⁷ For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in **sanctification**. ⁸ So, he who rejects this is not rejecting man but the God who **gives His Holy Spirit to you**.”

Galatians 5:16-17a (NLT), “¹⁶ So I say, let the **Holy Spirit guide your lives**. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. ¹⁷ The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. **These two forces are constantly fighting each other**.”

2. Sanctification is an _____ process.

Colossians 3:5b (NLT), “...**Have nothing to do with** sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.”

Galatians 5:19-21 (NLT), “¹⁹ When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the **results are very clear**: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that **anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God**.”

3. Worldly living leads to _____.

Colossians 3:6 (NLT), “Because of these sins, the **anger of God** is coming.”

Ephesians 2:1-3 (NLT), “Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. ² **You used to live in sin**, just like the

rest of the world, obeying the devil – the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God.³ All of us **used to live** that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. **By our very nature we were subject to God's anger**, just like everyone else.”

Hebrews 10:26-31 (NIV), “²⁶ If we **deliberately keep on sinning** after we have received the knowledge of the truth, **no sacrifice for sins is left**,²⁷ but only a **fearful expectation of judgment** and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.²⁸ Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.²⁹ How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has **trampled the Son of God underfoot**, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified them, and who has **insulted the Spirit of grace**?³⁰ For we know him who said, “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” and again, “The Lord will judge his people.”³¹ It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

4. The evidence of Christianity is _____.

Colossians 3:7-9 (NLT), “⁷ You **used to do** these things **when your life was still part of this world**. ⁸ But **now is the time** to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language.⁹ Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds.”

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (NLT), “⁹ Don't you realize that **those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God?** **Don't fool yourselves**. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality,¹⁰ or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people – none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God.¹¹ **Some of you were once like that**. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; **you were made right with God** by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”

Romans 8:1-4 (NLT), “So now there is **no condemnation** for those who belong to Christ Jesus.² And because you belong to him, **the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death**.³ The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So, God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body **God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins**.⁴ He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, **who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit**.”