

*“Safe and Sound:
Sanctification and the Holy Spirit
in Romans 8”*

I. Romans 8 and The Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit is mentioned ____x in Romans 1:1-7:25

Holy Spirit is mentioned ____x in Romans 8:1-8:27

Romans 8 in Context of Romans

Romans 1:18-3:20 Condemnation

Romans 3:21-8:39 Salvation

Romans 3:21-5:21 Justification

Romans 6:1-7:25 Sanctification

Romans 8:1 “Therefore”

= The _____ or consequence of the truth taught in
 Romans 1:1-7:25

Romans 8:2 “for”

= The _____ there is no condemnation

= The reason is the Holy Spirit

II. The Theme of Romans 8

Theme is _____

Romans 3:21-8:39

“How does God save sinners?”

“In Christ Jesus”

8:1 No _____

8:39 No _____

8:31 *“What shall we say to these things?”*

(The things of salvation in 1:1-8:30)

Four Questions: Romans 8:31, 33, 34, 35

 Bringing any doubts about salvation to a close

Conclusion:

1. God is working _____ us in 31-34;

2. God is working _____ us in 35-37;

3. God is working _____ us in 38-39.

1 Samuel 2:2; Isaiah 40:12-28; 41:1-29; 43:1-13; 44:6-8; 45:1-7; 45:18-46:13; Job 6:10; Isaiah 1:4

God is that which “*is wholly other.*” Holiness is what sets God apart from His creation, distinguishing Him from everything. Holiness is fundamental to God’s character. In the Bible God is called holy more than anything else.

Matthew 6:9

“*..our Father who is in heaven, hallowed by Your Name...*”

- B. God is _____ with sin and He loves righteousness. He is moral perfection.

Psalms 11:7

“*...the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness...*”

God hates and abhors sin. He must judge sin and sinners. God’s wrath against sin expresses His holiness.

Isaiah 5:16; Ezekiel 28:22; Numbers 20:13; 1 Samuel 6:20

What is sanctification?

Sanctification does not mean _____, but _____.

Believers are set apart _____ sin because God is holy.

Believers are set apart _____ God because God is holy.

2 Corinthians 3:18

“*...we are beholding the glory of the Lord and are being transformed into His same image from glory to glory by the Spirit...*”

Sanctification is progressive. Believers in God through faith in Jesus Christ grow into Christ’s image while on earth in varying levels or degrees.

See also *Romans 8:29; Galatians 4:19; Ephesians 4:13, 15.*

On earth believers in Jesus Christ:

1. Grow in holiness;
2. Grow in conforming to God’s moral standards;
3. Grow in separating from all God hates;
4. Grow in imitating Jesus because He is God and is holy;

5. Grow in understanding Christian growth is a process of advancing;
6. Grow in understanding a life of holiness is an obligation, not an option;
7. Grow in understanding sanctification is:
 - a. “A supernatural work of the Holy Spirit whereby He produces in the believer a positive likeness of Christ”
 - b. “The continued transformation of moral and spiritual character so that the life of the believer actually comes to mirror the standing which he or she already has in God’s sight.”

(Millard Erikson, Christian Theology, pp. 875, 967-68)

1 Corinthians 6:11

“Such were some of you, but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.”

1 Thessalonians 4:7-8

“For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification. So he who rejects this is not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you.”

1 Peter 1:2

“...to obey Jesus Christ by the sanctifying work of the Spirit...”

IV. The Holy Spirit and Progressive Sanctification

Progressive Sanctification is the believer’s earthly process of imitating Christ.

- A. Holy Spirit is the _____ agent in progressive sanctification.
- B. Holy Spirit is not the only agent for sanctification.
 1. Union with Christ (1 Corinthians 1:2, 30)
 2. The Bible (John 17:17; Ephesians 5:26)
 3. Christ’s death (Galatians 6:14; 1 John 1:7)
 4. The believer’s choices (2 Timothy 2:21-22; Hebrews 12:14)
- C. Spirit, Word of God, and Saint work together
- D. The Holy Spirit
 1. In Old Testament He solved problem of impurity of sin
Psalm 51:10-12; Isaiah 32:15-17

David and Israel needed the Holy Spirit for purification and sanctification.

Spirit's role is not changed in the New Testament, but merely clarified and expanded. He is related more to Christ's redemptive work. The Holy Spirit has increased visibility in the New Testament than in the Old Testament.

2. In the Old Testament and the New Testament

Romans 15:16

"...so that my ministry of the gospel to the Gentiles may become acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit..."

The Holy Spirit not only sanctifies the believer, but sanctifies his _____ and _____ to God.

The believer's service to God is only acceptable because the Holy Spirit sanctifies it.

E. The Word of God

The Word of God can and does make something or someone _____. It is the primary source of authority for living a holy life.

John 17:17

"Sanctify them by the truth, Thy Word is truth."

2 Timothy 3:16-17

"All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable...so that the man of God adequate, equipped for every good work."

F. The Saint

The believer cannot sanctify _____. He needs the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, but the believer does have a _____ in sanctification.

Philippians 2:12-13

"...work out your salvation with fear and trembling for it is God who is at work in you both to will and to work for His good pleasure"

"work out" is a very **forceful** verb (Romans 4:15; 7:8, 17, 20; 15:18)

= “continually work to bring to fulfillment or completion”

The believer is responsible for an active pursuit of Christ-likeness:

Hebrews 12:14

“Pursue peace with all men and pursue the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.”

“fear and trembling”

- = seriousness of sin and obedience
- = awe and reverence for God and His holiness
- = a healthy fear to not offend God
(Proverbs 1:7; 9:10; Isaiah 66:1-2)

The Holy Spirit empowers the believer to show his inward holiness outwardly in his life; to **“live inside out.”**

This means: *Where there is no sanctification, there is no salvation.*
 Where there is no holy life, there is no new birth.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

“All who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize. Run in such a way that you can win...I run in such a way that I have aim, and I don’t box like beating the air...I discipline my body so that I won’t be disqualified.”

“Sanctification is a cooperative effort. The Spirit blesses believers with sanctifying grace, but believers must faithfully cooperate. Faith alone justifies, but faith joined with our concerted efforts sanctifies.”

Bruce Demarest, The Cross and Salvation, page 425

The real secret of holiness is _____ thoroughly on the Holy Spirit as the Agent of holiness while _____ fulfilling my responsibilities.