



# Way of the Eagle

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## Sanctification

**B**e sanctified through and through...

**“And may the God of peace Himself sanctify you through and through [separate you from profane things, make you pure and wholly consecrated to God]; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved sound and complete [and found] blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah). Faithful is He who is calling you [to Himself] and utterly trustworthy, and He will also do it [fulfill His call by hallowing and keeping you].”**  
**1 Thessalonians 5:23-24**

What does it mean to be separated from profane things and what does it mean that your soul and body be preserved sound and complete?

What does it mean to be blameless, spotless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ?

What does it mean to be wholly consecrated to God?

First we need to be separate from all evil, even our evil thoughts. The word “hagiasmos” in Greek means separation from a profane to a sacred use, to consecrate wholly to God and his service, meaning to be separated from all that is in the world also everything that is corruptible in the Churches nowadays.

Things like: lowering yourself down below the standard that God gave you in His Word and going where the lemmings go instead flying with the Eagles.

Separate yourself from people given to anger, backbiting, being phony, money/greedy, adulterer, fornicator, etc. We need to let God crucify our flesh, because it’s our biggest enemy: our mind, will and emotions.

Our mind plays an important role in our life and the battle must be won in our mind before we do anything else. In **Romans 12: 2, 3** Paul states that we need to **...”not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the entire renewal of our mind, by its new ideals and new attitude.”**

In His presence we change when we give all to Him and say, “Take this Father and do whatever you need to do and transform me into your image”. Even though it may hurt, it is worth it for his glory.



Our thoughts control our lives and if we don’t do anything about it and not change our thoughts, the devil is going to rule our minds. The Bible says that we have the mind of Christ, so we need to expand more into the mind of Christ with His Word.

**1 Corinthians 1:30** says that our sanctification begins in Christ through the Holy Spirit and though His Blood.

**“Who were chosen and foreknown by God the Father and consecrated (sanctified, made holy) by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and to be sprinkled with [His] blood: May grace (spiritual blessing) and peace be given you in increasing abundance [that spiritual peace to be realized in and through Christ, freedom from fears, agitating passions, and moral conflicts].” 1 Peter 1:2**

Through the sanctification of the Holy Spirit we learn obedience and we learn obedience as we grow, we hear from God and do what He says in His Word. We develop sensitivity to the prompting of the Holy Spirit as we listen and become submissive and compliant to the Holy lifestyle and the holy deeds that makes us submissive to the Father.

But there is a price to pay for our obedience and submission; there is a sacrifice. Depending what God is dealing with you about personally, there is a always a price to pay; He might tell you to give up unhealthy relationships; give up a job that requires you to compromise; give up a desire to go somewhere or do something that is not God’s will. Giving up your will requires a lot of dying to self. Fasting is a good way to crucify the flesh.

**Romans 6: 22** says, **“But now since you have been set free from sin and have become the slaves of God, you have your present reward in holiness and its end is eternal life.”** When we utterly destroy all the sin, habitual sin in our lives and put on Christ in every situation: The fruit that we reap is an ever increasing holiness and sanctification!

**“Strip yourselves of your former nature [put off and discard your old unrenewed self] which characterized your previous manner of life and becomes corrupt through lusts and desires that spring from delusion; And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude], And put on the new nature (the regenerate self) created in God’s image, [Godlike] in true righteousness and holiness.”**  
**Ephesians 4:22-24**

What does it mean to be stripped off from our former nature? It means to let God do such a work in us that we don’t even recognize ourselves anymore and we are constantly renewed with new holy thoughts. We are in battle for the rest of our lives, for as long as we live on earth we battle the enemy. We need to recognize the enemy because they are slick. When attacked by the devil through people we need to recognize the enemy within them and pray, do spiritual warfare and forgive these people.

When we are in Christ it means we are a new creature; the nature of God has been implanted inside of us. Many Christians have it, but they do not always wear the clothes of Christ: humility, love, gentleness, forgiveness, letting go what lies behind and moving forward with God. Instead they battle in the natural, in their flesh. Don’t let the enemy inject thoughts in your mind about what other people did to you in the past because if you dwell in those thoughts, satan will create a stronghold (brick wall) in your mind which will be hard to tear it down. This kind of “stinking thinking” is connected to unhappiness, depression, discouragement; which results in a small life. Narrow thinking gives you a narrow life.

God has prearranged all good things and an abundant, wonderful life for you. But to live in it you have to change the way you think and you can do it! You can choose what to think about and have right thinking! Instead of thinking about yourself, think about what you can do for somebody else and how you can be a blessing.

We are sanctified through God’s Word as we allow His Word to take place in our hearts and minds to change our thoughts, our deeds and our habits until we change to become like Jesus in every way. It’s not easy but it’s doable through the power of Christ!