

FINAL THOUGHTS

- Our Great God never intended to save us then **leave** us as infants spiritually our entire life.
- If our salvation is **real**, we will continually pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through obedience to His Word.
- The powerful results of salvation are not **hidden** unless something goes tragically wrong.

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. Have you believed the Gospel of Christ and are sure you are saved?
2. Do you have a desire to obey the God who saved you? Why or why not?
3. Does your daily life demonstrate "radical transformation"?
4. Who in your life has seen the changes God is continually making in you?

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"True Lordship"

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There is much confusion today in the church of Jesus Christ concerning the Good News. What is the Good News (the Gospel) and how is it to be applied in a person's life?

Furthermore, if that is not enough confusion, believers are continually being led astray with the idea that salvation does not include "transformation." As a result, many profess Christ as Savior but do not act like they possess the real thing.

The Scriptures are clear! Salvation is received by an act of faith in the Good News about the finished work of Christ. After salvation, the indwelling Holy Spirit is continually prompting the believer to live out their potential as a child of the Living God. Both truths are profound and are basic in the Christian life. Make sure that neither of these truths are minimized or maligned.

UNDERSTAND THE COMMAND

- Notice, this command is to **believers**.
- Notice also, this command has **nothing** to do with “getting saved.”
- The word “sanctify” means...
 - to be **dedicated** to God.
 - to reverence or set **apart**.
 - to acknowledge or make **room** for someone.
- We must acknowledge reverence and make room for Christ to be “**Lord**” in our lives.
- The term Lord here means “**Master**.”

THE APOSTLE PAUL’S EXPLANATION

I Corinthians 15:3-4; I Thessalonians 2:1-9

- Notice the distinction between the “**two** Gospels.”
- In I Corinthians 15:3-4, Paul makes a clear **distinction** about the Gospel (Good News) that results in salvation.
- This gospel, the **object** of our saving faith, is also called the Gospel of Christ. (*II Corinthians 4:3; Galatians 1:7*)

- This Good News is that Christ died for our sins, was **buried** and rose again.
- So to be saved, we **believe** that Jesus Christ did that (The Gospel of Christ) for us personally, and by believing (nothing else) we are saved.
- In I Thessalonians 2:1-9, the Apostle Paul declares **another** gospel (Good News) that is also true.
- This Good News was **taught** to the believers in the early church, and applies to us today.
- The Gospel of God was the Good News that, as believers, we can actually **grow** in Christ Jesus.
- In other words, as believers, we can act supernaturally **different**.
- This Good News declares that we are transformed at salvation; and if we obey God’s Word, we will demonstrate a **changed** life. (*I Peter 3:15*)
- In other words, the “two gospels” could be summed up this way...

Gospel I

Believe → The Gospel of Christ → To be **saved**

Gospel II

Believe and _____ → The Gospel of God →
 _____ → To **grow** in the Christian life