

(BASICS | PHASE 2)

² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

John 1:12

First step in the POG (plan of God) is to be a COG (child of God). This is the will of God.

⁴⁰ And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day

John 6:40

14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. John 15:14-15

Being a child of God is about salvation. What should come after being a (COG) child of God? Next step should be becoming a (FOG) friend of God which relates to discipleship.

23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” And he was called the friend of God

James 2:23

Here's an example of a FOG. Abraham is a perfect example where faith was married to works. He was justified prior to offering Isaac his son on the altar. Faith was exhibited resulting in being called a friend of God.

⁵ Then He brought him outside and said, “Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”

⁶ And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness

Gen 15:5-6

God made the promise. Abraham believed it. And God counted that act of faith as righteousness. A promise believed resulted in justification.

6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Heb 11:6

Do you live in a way that pleases God? This passage is directed to FOG. Please note that without faith it is impossible to please God. You must believe that he exists and rewards those who seek him. You must operate by faith, even if you must do so alone and go against the accepted norms of the day. You must believe with anticipation that God responds regarding His will for your life—when you seek to please Him.

31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed John 8:31

The mark of a disciple is one who remains in His Word. By definition a disciple gk. Μαθητής mathētēs is a learner. A disciple remains a disciple as long as he or she continues to follow the instructions of Jesus. When one stops he or she ceases to be a disciple.

How many types of sanctification are in the Bible? The type depends on context. One must see what is there and what is not there in the text.

²To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called *to be* saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

1 Cor. 1:2

The words “*to be*” do not appear in the Greek. So Paul is calling his readers saints. It’s not a future expectation that they are waiting on, but a present reality. They are saints regardless of their depraved sins/lifestyle.

A saint is the fruition of being sanctified. If someone is a saint, it is because they have been sanctified in the past also known as positional sanctification(P1 salvation). Keep in mind this Corinthian church had been caught up in all types of sin. So why does Paul call them saints? How could they be sanctified if they are so sinful? Because of Christ. All those who have believed in Jesus for everlasting life are saints because of the imputed righteousness of Christ.

There is another type of sanctification, one not directly connected to salvation, but connected to discipleship. This is what we call practical sanctification / P2 (salvation)

Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. ¹⁸ As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. John 17:17-19

Please Observe the text. If Jesus and the disciples who already had everlasting life could be sanctified, then we should follow suit. Jesus points to the purifying power of doctrine that comes from God. It is by the word of God, and its truth that we are able to experience this practical sanctification Read Rom 5:9-10; 8:11