

Salvation Future

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How can we experience being a new creature in Christ that the Bible promises us?

Caterpillar to Butterfly

- Caterpillar grows wings
- NO!

- caterpillar's body digests itself from the inside out
- same juices
- cells called imaginal cells
- undifferentiated cells

2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

- So beautiful
 - yet so elusive.

- Many Christian experience
 - forgiveness
 - but not transformation

- Why no?
- How can I?

- Bible repeatedly calls us to righteousness.

Call to Righteousness

Matthew 5:48 ESV

You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

- and

1 Thessalonians 5:23 ESV

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- and

1 John 5:18 ESV

We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.

- and many more
- Problem:
 - Many are not experiencing this.
- Two possible answers:
- Maybe you are and don't realize it.

2 Corinthians 3:18 ESV

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Glory to Glory

- This transformation
 - happens slowly.

Growth of Children

They have grown so much!

Oh Ok...

- You don't see growth
 - look back in time.

Mark 4:26–29 ESV

And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

- God is the true farmer.
- Gospel is the seed growing in us.
- Farmer sleeps
 - “doesn’t know how”
 - God does.
- Growth
 - Blade
 - ear
 - full grain

| Corn Growing

- Is blade bad?
 - No,
 - just not complete.
- Is ear bad?
 - No,
 - just not complete.
- You are growing,
 - just don’t realize it.
- Plants grow naturally
 - Unbeknownst to us
- Jesus and Nicodemus

John 3:3–8 ESV

Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”

Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

- Holy Spirit work in
 - natural way
 - mysterious way
 - must allow Him

An Instantaneous Process

- Sanctification
 - Immediate?
 - Process?
- Lying
 - Process

- Stealing
 - Process??
- Wife beating?

- Natural Process
- But let's be honest
 - some are not growing.
- But we can hinder growth.
 - refusing sanctification.

Rejecting Sanctification

- Relationship:
 - Hindering Spirit.
- How?

Romans 6:16 ESV

Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

- People often
 - choose slavery to sin.

James 4:7 ESV

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

- People often
 - choose not to resist
 - choose not to submit
- Why?
 - Not important...?
- God will forgive

Is This a Salvation Issue?

- Yes

1 Corinthians 6:9–11 ESV

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

- Heaven for righteous
 - Unrighteous won't go.
- Good news
 - you can change
- Power of Sanctification.
- But many say,
 - I'll never make it.
- Remember,
 - natural process
 - allow it.

Promises

- Blow your mind:

2 Peter 1:3–4 ESV

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

- God gives divine power
- He calls us to His Holiness
- every promise
- partakers of divine nature
- escaping sin

- God provides everything!
 - Let Him!

- Finally we come to

Jude 24–25 ESV

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Powerful

- To Him!
- Keep you from falling
- Present you blameless
- In His presence

Appeal

- Natural Process
- Let Him.
- Allow Him