

The Question:
“What must I do to be Saved?”

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The Fall:

Divorce from God:

Gen. 3:24 “drove” = divorce (Strong’s **Hb.1644**)

Gen. 3:15 “enmity” = hate/hostility (Strong’s **Hb.342**)

Lev. 10:3 tells us that in order to approach God, one must be sanctified (“holy” in the **NKJV**). We presently are not wholly sanctified, but we are in the process.

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Sin leads to the Death Decree:

Rom. 6:23: “The wages of sin is death.” Man came under a death decree because there was no way back to God. By this, we can see that **SIN** and **LIFE** are mutually exclusive.

The Science of Sin:

Prov. 5:22: “His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sin.”

Question: How is a sinner held by the cords of his sin?

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The Science of Sin: (cont)

Answer: By a function of law, the cords of sin that bind him become stronger and stronger to the point where he will never escape. (Pharaoh is a prime example of this in that he sowed the seed of obstinacy and he reaped obstinacy). **COL 84,85.** He went from one degree of hardness to the next.

5T 119: “Every action good or bad prepares the way for it’s repetition.”

Now, for a person to break that binding and be loosed from sin, is a tremendous event! Only by the Divine Power of God can it be accomplished. So we read in...

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The Solution for Sin:

...**Acts 3:26**: “Unto you first God, having raised up His Son Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.”

But, because of man’s free will, **“TURNING AWAY” IS NOT SO EASILY DONE!** This is one of the great issues the plan of Salvation faces. In fact, the focal point of the great controversy is over the **will** of man. The human **mind is the battle ground** for the most deadly conflict ever fought on this planet.

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The Battle for the Mind:

Te 276 says, “There are but two powers that control the minds of men – the power of God and the power of Satan.” Both are working to the exclusion of the other! That is why we read ...

Prov. 23:26: “My son, give Me thine heart [mind], and let thine eyes observe My ways.”

Question: What happened to the children of Israel when they failed to observe the ways of God?

Answer: Ps. 95:11, They never entered into His Rest.

God’s ultimate objective is to re-create man in His image. NOW THAT IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE TO MAN. **Matt. 5:48** says, “Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.”

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The Battle for the Mind: (cont)

Don't let that word “PERFECT” scare you! It simply means, from **2 Tim. 3:17**, “that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly **FURNISHED UNTO ALL GOOD WORKS**” or as **Rom. 8:29** says, “...to be conformed to the image of His Son,...”

DA 123: “ ... not even by a thought did He (Christ) yield to temptation. **SO IT MAY BE WITH US.**”

Isa. 13:12 says, “I will make a man more precious than fine gold;...” (refined in a furnace)

Isa. 55:11 says, God's word will not return unto Him void. It will accomplish that which He pleases.

This process is demonstrated in the sanctuary.

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The Sanctuary:

Ps. 77:13 (NKJV) says, “Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary:...”

Ev 222: “...we should not rest until we become intelligent in regard to the subject of the sanctuary,...”

MS 33 p.132: “The sanctuary service was designed to create in every heart a love for the law of God, which is the law of His Kingdom.”

8T 247 says that the Seventh-day Adventist church is to be weighed in the balances of the sanctuary.

Summation: We should give the sanctuary a careful examination.

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The Sanctuary Examined:

We have discovered how our sins have separated us from God.

Isa. 59:2 reads, “But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God,...”

So God, through the sanctuary reveals to us **how** He would repair the breach.

Ex. 25:8: “Let them make Me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them.”

That wilderness sanctuary and others like it, are a symbol of our body temple.

1 Cor. 6:19 says, “...know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost,...?”

Refer to the Sanctuary Mural

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The Sanctuary Examined: (cont)

Prov. 23:7: “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:”

“thinketh” = door (Strong’s **Hb. 8176, Hb. 8179**)

Rev. 3:20: “Behold, I stand at the door and knock:...”

Isa. 1:19, “If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:”

Rev. 19:8: & AA 523 “white linen wall” = the righteousness of Christ, and a meek and quiet spirit.

Genesis 2:20 states that it was not good that man should be alone so God created him a help meet.

“help” = surround [wall of court] (Strong’s **Hb. 5826**)

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The Sanctuary Examined: (cont)

Ps. 30:9,10 David said, “be thou my helper....”

“help” = surround, protect [wall surrounds, protects the court], aid, succor, (Strong’s **Hb. 5826**)

Hos. 2:19 says, “And I will betroth thee ...” When standing in the court, the sinner then notices the altar of sacrifice and the brazen laver. In these furnishings are symbolized Christ’s willingness to lay down His life for His bride.

Man was justified by the blood and water that flowed from Jesus’ side as symbolized by the altar of sacrifice and the laver.

Summation: It is in the court that Christ covers us with His righteousness. **Gal. 3:27** says, “For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have **PUT ON CHRIST.**”¹¹

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The Sanctuary Examined: (cont)

This **PUTTING ON CHRIST** is brought about by our willingness to accept what Christ did for us. By His willingness to lay down His life for us, He paid the penalty for our sins.

By Christ paying the penalty for our sins, and being the first **human being** to get the victory over sin, He could now substitute His character for ours. **IT WAS/IS A FREE GIFT** to each one of us.

Heb. 5:9 says, “And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him;”

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The Sanctuary Examined: (cont)

Justification:

Rom. 5:17,18 states, “For if by one man’s offence, death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by One, Jesus Christ.” **vs.18** continues, “Therefore as by the offence of one [Adam] judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of One the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.”

Rom. 5:9 says, “Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.”

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The Sanctuary Examined: (cont)

Justification: (cont)

Christ identified so closely with us on the cross, that He speaks of our sins as if they were His. So, we can speak of His righteousness in our lives as if it were ours. **Rom. 5:18** says, “...the free gift came upon all men...”

DA 25: “Christ was treated as we deserve, that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which He had no share, that we might be justified by His righteousness, in which we had no share. He suffered the death which was ours, that we might receive the life which was His. ‘With His stripes we are healed.’ ”

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The Sanctuary Examined: (cont)

Justification: (cont)

Question: TM 456: “What is justification by faith?”

Answer: TM 456: “It is the work of God in laying the glory of man in the dust, and doing for man that which it is not in man’s power to do for himself.”

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The Sanctuary Examined: (cont)

Substitution:

ST 6/16/1890 says, “When it is in the heart to obey God, when efforts are put forth to this end, Jesus accepts this disposition and effort as man’s best service, and He makes up for the deficiency with His own divine merit.”

DA 357 says, “The Father beholds not your faulty character, but He sees you as clothed in My perfection.”

Jude 24 says, “Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, ...”

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The Sanctuary Examined: (cont)

Substitution: (cont)

So we all become partakers of one of the **GREATEST TEXTS in the Bible. 1 Kings 14:8**, says, “...thou hast not been as My servant David, who kept my commandments and who followed Me with all his heart, to do that only which was right in Mine eyes;”

This act involves the **Greatest Demonstration of GRACE!**

It is in the courtyard where man is justified by Christ substituting His character for ours.

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The Sanctuary Examined: (cont)

Substitution: (cont)

HOW CAN I ABUSE JESUS? (GRACE?) (Refer to the lecture, “**The Little Horn**” for further study)

Question: How does one abuse this most precious gift?

Isa. 30:21 says, “...This is the way, walk ye in it,...”
When we as sinners **consciously** turn from this path from time to time, we are abusing the grace of God. **But**, it is an entirely different story when we choose to no longer walk down that path! **It could shipwreck our soul!**

Ps. 119:71 says, “It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes [might not sin against the Lord.]”

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The Sanctuary Examined: (cont)

Substitution: (cont)

Remember, by the function of law, the cords of sin that bind the sinner become stronger and stronger, to the point where he/she will never escape.

Conclusion: Christ’s justifying the sinner and substituting His character for ours, is based on our future obedience, every moment we breathe.

We will discover that the **Justice of Reality** is **SIN IS DEATH**. This means, in reality the moment someone sins, by a function of law they begin to die.

Remember, **Rom. 6:23** says, “The wages of sin is death;...”

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The Sanctuary Examined: (cont)

Substitution: (cont)

This would, in part, explain why Christ rather than an angel was sent to die at the hands of sin. Angels are created beings, but Christ is the Creator. His death, therefore, **reveals what the death of an angel never could**, namely, that even creative power itself, at its very source and on its own behalf, was powerless to circumvent the reality that **sin is death**.

Because of Christ’s willingness in laying down His life for ours, and paying the penalty, we read in

Rom. 8:1: “... There is now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, ...”

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Substitution: (cont)

Question: How is it then, that these penalties can and have been averted for 6,000 years defying the very laws of reality (that sin is death)?

There is only one way that this could take place.

God would have to shield us (or veil us) from this reality. This particular subject is one of the most intriguing, to be covered in the study ***The Veil and Two Forms of Justice.***

But to deny the **Justice of Reality**, which is that sin is death, presents God with some interesting dilemmas and liabilities. (We will take this subject up later when we study ***The Veil...***).

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Question: What forms the basis for substitution?

NOTE: There is another dimension of divine mercy, justice, and fairness. One which is, in certain respects, opposed to what we have called the **Justice of Reality**. This we will call the **Justice of Extenuation**.

DEFINITION: Extenuate means to qualify or lessen one's guilt because of the circumstances under which the offense was committed. A person, who for want of opportunity, has not attained victory over sin by surrendering his/her **will** to Christ, ought not to be condemned. For example, those who are just beginning the Christian walk, have not as yet, had opportunity to develop the character that only time can produce.

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Question: What forms the basis for substitution? (cont)

The process of sanctification is not instant, and the **Justice of Extenuation** withholds condemnation on this basis. **This forms the Doctrine of Substitution.** So, Christ is substituting His life for ours giving us a probationary time to reveal what our true desires are. Because of this there is a certain degree of freedom from condemnation to be obtained through substitution.

Now that Christ has covered us on the outside, by substituting His life for ours, He now wants to put Himself on the inside.

Col. 1:27 says, “...**CHRIST IN YOU**, the hope of glory:” This is brought about through the process of sanctification. **It is the work of a lifetime.**

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Sanctification:

Question: What is Sanctification?

Definition: Sanctification means “to be made Holy.”

4T 299: “Sanctification, . . . is nothing less than a daily dying to self and daily conformity to the will of God. ...Paul’s sanctification was a constant conflict with self. Said he, ‘I die daily.’ His will and his desires every day conflicted with duty and the will of God. Instead of following inclination, he did the will of God, however unpleasant and crucifying to his nature.” His power to obey came from God.

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Sanctification: (cont)

Phil. 2:12,13 says, “...work out your salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to **WILL** and **TO DO OF HIS GOOD PLEASURE.**”

Jn.15:5 states, “...for without Me, ye can do nothing.”

Phil. 4:13 says, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”

2. God will accomplish “His good pleasure” through “**the DAILY.**” (continual burnt offerings)

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Sanctification: (cont)

The DAILY:

The **DAILY** entails the sanctuary service as conducted through the **FIVE** pieces of furniture in the Court and the Holy Place.

- The Altar of Burnt Offering (Dying to self – **Mt.16:24**)
- The Laver (Baptism – **Rom. 6:4**)
- The Table of Shewbread (Bible study – **Mt. 4:4**)
- The Altar of Incense (Prayer – **Mt. 6:6**)
- The Candlestick (Witnessing – **Mt. 5:14**)

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The DAILY: (cont)

These pieces of furniture are perfectly designed and calculated to expel sin from our lives. We need to be involved with these daily, just as the priests were.

In fact, Christ Himself demonstrated His dependence upon the **DAILY** in His life as an example for us.

GC 519 says, “Satan well knows that all whom he can lead to neglect prayer [Altar of Incense] and the searching of the scriptures [Table of Shewbread], will be overcome by his attacks.” **MB 77** says, “...love is the agent which He [God] uses to expel sin from the heart [life].”

Each piece of furniture reveals some aspect of God’s love for us.

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Sanctification: (cont)

Sanctification begins at the ALTAR of sacrifice and the LAVER. These represent a dying to self.

Question: Why is it so hard to lead a self-denying humble life?

Because professed Christians are not dead to the world. It is easy living after we are dead. **Rom. 6:3** says, “Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death?” Christians are aware of being baptized by water, but few are aware of the fact that baptism is unto Christ’s death (the cross). **Matt. 16:24** says, “...If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.”

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Sanctification: (cont)

Rom. 6:6 tells us, “...that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed,...” The great difficulty with the majority of believers is that they are trying to live Christ’s life without first, having died Christ’s death. They seem to have the idea that Christ died so that they wouldn’t have to. **7A BC 299** says, “They have been baptized, but they were buried alive. Self did not die, and therefore they did not rise to newness of life in Christ.”

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Sanctification: (cont)

7A BC 299 says, “Those who receive the ordinance of Baptism thereby make a public declaration that they have renounced the world...that they have accepted the invitation, ‘**COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM**, and be ye separate,’ saith the Lord...”

5T 535 states, “We should know what we must do to be saved. We should not, my brothers and sisters, float along with the popular current. Our present work is to **COME OUT FROM THE WORLD AND BE SEPARATE.**”

Note: The motivating factor to detach ourselves from the world is the love of God working in our lives.

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Sanctification: (cont)

But, there is a problem with the **HEART!**

Jer. 17:9 says, “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked:...” That is why our inherent tendencies are to do evil. That is **OUR NATURE**. This work has to start from the inside out.

1 Sam.16:7 says, “... for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.” That is why Christ says in **Prov. 23:26**, “My son, give Me thine heart [mind]....”

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Sanctification: (cont)

Rom. 8:6,7 says, “For to be carnally minded is death; ..., Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, ...” **DA 172** says, “He who is trying to reach heaven by his own works in keeping the law is attempting an impossibility.... The Christian’s life is not a modification or improvement of the old, but a transformation of nature. There is a death to self and sin, and a new life altogether.” **Our NATURE simply must die!**

Jn 3:3 states, “...Verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” **We must be born again.**

Refer to Chart “Being Born Again” slides 43,44

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Sanctification: (cont)

Jn. 12:24 says, “Except a corn of wheat fall in the ground and die, it abideth alone:...”

Lk. 9:23: “If any man will come after me,” said Jesus, “let him **deny himself and take up his cross daily**, and follow Me.” Here we see that the process of sanctification is the process of dying to self. **Our only part is to surrender our will or mind to God.**

In other words, the **Cross of Christ is a prophecy.**
The **cross of the saints will be the fulfillment of that prophecy.**

Eph. 4:22-24 says that you put off, concerning your former conduct.

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Sanctification: (cont)

SC 47 reads, “What you need to understand is the true force of the **will**. This is the governing power in the nature of man, the power of **decision**, or of choice. Everything depends on the right action of the **will**. The power of **choice** God has given to men; it is theirs to exercise. You cannot change your heart, you cannot of yourself give to God its affections; but you can **choose** to serve Him. You can give Him your **will**;...”

Since all of our problems stem from our hearts or minds, it is a necessity to have a **New Mind**.

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Sanctification: (cont)

New Mind:

That’s why we read:

Phil. 2:5: “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:”

1 Pet. 4:1: “...arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;”

Remember: **Te 276** says, “There are but two powers that control the minds of men – the power of God and the power of Satan.”

We must remove Satan from our throne!

The best way to do that is to remove every hindrance.

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Sanctification: (cont)

New Mind: (cont)

Ps. 101:3 says, “I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes:...” That would include what we think.

We must guard our senses. Let nothing in that would dethrone Christ.

AA 518: “Those who would not fall a prey to Satan's devices, must guard well the avenues of the soul; they must avoid reading, seeing, or hearing that which will suggest impure thoughts.” All should learn to **guard the senses** for they are the devil's playground.

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Sanctification: (cont)

Remember:

Phil. 2:12 says, “...work out your salvation with fear and trembling.”

Question: How do we do this?

MLT 271: “**God will accept only those who are determined to aim high.** He places every human agent under obligation to do his best. Moral perfection is required of all. Never should we lower the standard of righteousness in order to accommodate inherited and cultivated tendencies to wrongdoing....

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Sanctification: (cont)

...“We need to understand that imperfection of character is sin. All righteous attributes of character dwell in God as a perfect, harmonious whole, and every one who receives Christ as a personal Savior is privileged to possess these attributes. And those who would be workers together with God must strive for perfection of every organ of the body and quality of the mind. True education is the preparation of the physical, mental, and moral powers for the performance of every duty; it is the training of body, mind, and soul for divine service. This is the education that will endure unto eternal life....

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Sanctification: (cont)

...“But Christ has given us no assurance that to attain perfection of character is an easy matter. A noble, all-around character is not inherited. It does not come to us by accident. A noble character is earned by individual effort through the merits and grace of Christ. God gives the talents, the powers of the mind; we form the character. It is formed by hard, stern battles with self. Conflict after conflict must be waged against hereditary tendencies. We shall have to criticize ourselves closely, and allow not one unfavorable trait to remain uncorrected.”

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FE 87 says, “...it must be formed by stern efforts to resist temptation.”

Heb. 12:4 states, “Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.”

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Conclusion:

This is not legalism! Our **willingness** to obey stems from the knowledge and understanding that Christ **willingly** laid down His life for ours. It is this understanding that empowers us to obey. Obedience is not the **means of salvation** but rather the **result of salvation**. Our only work is to surrender our **will** to God and Calvary alone should be the motivating factor for that surrender.

Remember:

Phil. 2:13 says, “For it is God which worketh in you both to **WILL** and **TO DO OF HIS GOOD PLEASURE.**”

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Conclusion: (cont)

Col. 1:27 states “...which is Christ in you: the hope of glory:”

GC 530 says, “Satan is well aware that the weakest soul who abides in Christ is more than a match for the hosts of darkness,...”

2 Tim. 2:19 says, “...And, Let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.” (**By surrendering our will daily.**)

MAKE AN EFFORT

Aim High!

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Explanation of “Born Again” Chart

It is important to realize that being born again beyond the veil, in the **Most Holy Place**, is **reality**, and being born again in the **Court** and the **Holy Place** is by **promise**.

Question: Is the promise as good as reality?

Answer: Yes, but that promise is based on our future obedience of maintaining a relationship with Christ. Please bear in mind that being born again by promise is NOT, in and of itself, reality.

Note: Being born again in “reality” at baptism would be the equivalent of instantaneous sanctification which the Bible does not teach.

Being Born Again

The Great Multitude

The 144,000

Both groups are perfect in the eyes of God.

Question: What is the difference between the two?

Holy Place

TEMPLE

Most Holy Place

The Great Multitude

They have it by _____ **PROMISE**

Based on their — **FUTURE OBEDIENCE**

Romans 8:29 – For whom He did foreknow, He also did — **PREDESTINATE** to be conformed to the image of His Son.

The 144,000

REALITY

VEIL 1 John 3:9

2 BECOME 1

Guests at the Wedding

The Bride

COL 69 says, “when the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own.”

Question: In which compartment does this statement belong?