

#### 4. SANCTIFICATION IS A PURIFYING PROCESS THAT LEADS TO

JOY IN GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God."* **2 Corinthians 7:1 (NIV)**

I WILL ENJOY BECOMING MORE LIKE \_\_\_\_\_.

#### MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:

- ✓ I will memorize **Romans 15:13 (NLT)**
- ✓ I will join the New Life church family
- ✓ I will accept Christ for the first time today
- ✓ I will sign up for the next baptism

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# The Joy of Christmas



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What is Joy?

Joy is a profound and enduring sense of well-being and contentment that transcends \_\_\_\_\_.

#### MEMORY VERSE:

*"I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."*

**Romans 15:13 (NLT)**

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."*

**Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)**

THE JOY OF SANCTIFICATION

## JOY IN COMPARISON TO HAPPINESS

JOY	HAPPINESS
Rooted in spiritual _____	Dependent on external _____
Enduring and resilient	Temporary and circumstantial
A _____ of the Spirit	A human _____ response
Focuses on eternal perspectives	Tied to immediate gratification

### What is Sanctification?

Sanctification is the process by which God transforms a believer into greater holiness and Christlikeness. It involves both a \_\_\_\_\_ act of being set apart for God and a progressive journey of spiritual growth and moral purity.

#### Definitive (Set a Side)

*"And that is what some of you were. 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."* **1 Corinthians 6:11 (NIV)**

#### Progressive (Process of put off/put on)

*"You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."*

**Ephesians 4:22–24 (NIV)**

### WHY SHOULD WE CARE?

WE CANNOT HAVE \_\_\_\_\_ WITHOUT SANCTIFICATION.

## HOW DO I EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF SANCTIFICATION?

### 1. SANCTIFICATION BRINGS JOY AS BELIEVERS ARE \_\_\_\_\_ FROM THE INSIDE OUT.

*"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you."*

**Romans 12:1–2 (MSG)**

### 2. SANCTIFICATION INVOLVES TEST AND CHALLENGES, BUT THEY \_\_\_\_\_ JOY.

*"Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way."* **James 1:2–4 (MSG)**

### 3. SANCTIFICATION BRINGS JOY AS BELIEVERS LIVE OUT THE CALL TO \_\_\_\_\_.

*"But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: Be holy, because I am holy."* **1 Peter 1:15–16 (NIV)**