

Welcome To Open Bible Hour

Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!

*Our desire is that you may grow in the grace
and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*If you have a prayer request, for
which you would like us to pray,
please fill out a prayer sheet at
the back table and give to Lyle.*

Q & A

January 11, 2015

8. 2 Cor. 5:17 states that we are a new creation at conversion. Some individuals, like Louis Zamperini, have sudden, radical life changes that are immediate and seem to last a lifetime. This seems to follow the concept of a new creation. Others seem to struggle with existing sinful habits and behavior the rest of their lives. Do you have an explanation for this seemingly contradiction of results from a Biblical promise? I understand that there are both positional issues and experiential issues involved here.

2 Cor 5:17

17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

3 Phases of Salvation

Justification

"I have been saved"

**Saved from the
penalty of sin.**

Sanctification

"I am being saved"

**Saved from the
power of sin.**

Glorification

"I shall be saved"

**Saved from the
presence of sin.**

Phil 1:6

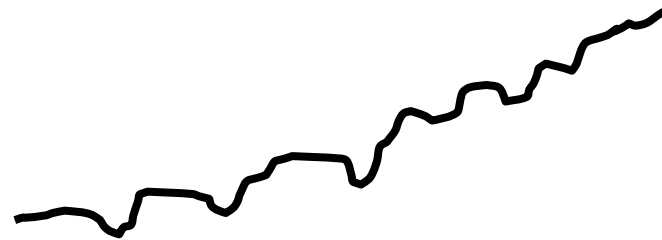
6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

Rom 8:30

30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

Salvation

Clear &
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Pre-Salvation

I. Justification

1. *Repent – Acts 2:38*
2. *Believe (Trust), by faith, the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation.*
3. *Instantaneously declared righteous.*
4. *Positional Truth.*

II. Sanctification

1. *In Process, Progressive, Ongoing.*
2. *Learning to submit to the Lordship of Christ in every area of your life.*
3. *Producing good works.*
4. *Yielding to the Holy Spirit who produces the fruit of the Spirit in your life.*
5. *Experiential Truth.*

III. Glorification

1. *Happens at death or at the Lord's return.*
2. *Instantaneous.*
3. *All Positional Truth is realized.*
4. *Instantly mature.*

The Believer's Position in Christ

The believer is:

1. Elect/Chosen (Eph. 1:4)
2. Foreknown (I Pet. 1:2)
3. Predestined (Rom. 8:29,30)
4. Called (I Thes. 5:24)
5. Redeemed (Rom. 3:24)
6. Reconciled (Rom. 5:10)
7. Related to God through propitiation (Rom. 3:24-26)
8. Forgiven all sin (Eph. 1:7)
9. Joined to Christ and made a new creation (Rom. 6:1-10; 2 Cor. 5:17)
10. Free from the Law (Rom. 7:2-6)
11. Made a child of God (Gal. 3:26)
12. Adopted (Rom. 8:15, 23)
13. Made acceptable to God through Christ (Eph. 1:6; Col. 1:12)
14. Made righteous (Rom. 3:22)

15. Sanctified (1 Cor. 1:30; 6:11)
16. Perfected forever (Heb 10:14)
17. Justified (Rom. 5:1)
18. Made close to God (Eph. 2:13)
19. Delivered from the power of darkness (Col.1:13)
20. Translated into the Kingdom (Col. 1:13)
21. Planted on the Rock, Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 3:9-15)
22. A gift from God to Jesus Christ (Jn. 17:6,11,12,20)
23. Circumcised in Christ (Col. 2:11)
24. A Priest in the Holy and Royal Priesthood of believers (1 Pet. 2:5,9)
25. Part of a chosen generation, a holy nation, and a peculiar people (1 Pet. 5:9)
26. A heavenly citizen (Phil. 3:20)
27. In the family & household of God (Eph. 2:19)
28. In the fellowship of the saints (Jn. 17:11,21-23)
29. In a heavenly association (Col. 1:27; 3:1)

30. Given access to God (Eph. 2:18)
31. Within the care of God (Rom. 5:8-10)
32. An object of God's love (Jn. 3:16)
33. An object of God's Grace (Eph. 2:7-9)
34. An object of God's power (Eph. 1:19)
35. An object of God's faithfulness (Phil. 1:6)
36. An object of God's peace (Rom. 5:1)
37. An object of God's consolation (2 Thes. 2:16,17)
38. An object of God's intercession (Rom. 8:26)
39. God's inheritance (Eph. 1:18)
40. Given the inheritance of God Himself (1 Pet. 1:4)
41. Given light in the Lord (2 Cor. 4:6)
42. United to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (1 Thes. 1:1)
43. Blessed with the earnest or first-fruits of the Spirit (Eph. 1:14)
44. Born of the Spirit (Jn. 3:6)
45. Baptized in the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13)
46. Indwelt by the Spirit (Rom. 8:9)
47. Sealed by the Spirit. (2 Cor. 1:22)
48. Complete in God (Col. 2:9,10)
49. Blessed with every spiritual blessing (Eph. 1:3)
50. Glorified (Rom. 8:18)

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Acts 19:17-19

17 This became known to all, both Jews and Greeks, who lived in Ephesus; and fear fell upon them all and the name of the Lord Jesus was being magnified.

18 Many also of those who had believed kept coming, confessing and disclosing their practices.

19 And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and began burning them in the sight of everyone; and they counted up the price of them and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

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Greek Word		Meaning	Spiritual Level	Characteristics	Need	Scripture
Positional Eternal	Practical Temporal					
Teknon Huios		Child Forever Son Forever	Heir of God Adopted	All Positional Truth	Put his Position into practice.	Jn, 1:12; <u>Rom.8:16,17</u> Gal. 3:26; Rom 8:14,15
	Brephos	New-born 0-1	Infant	Desire for milk	Taught the basics.	<u>1 Pet. 2:2</u>
	Nepios	Toddler 1-3	Baby/ Toddler	Foolish Immature	Discernment	I Cor. 3:1; Heb. 5:13 <u>Eph. 4:14</u>
	Paidion	Child 4-12	Committed Disciple	Teachable Strong	Discipline	1 Jn. 2:13,14 <u>1 Cor. 14:20</u>
	Neaniskos	Young Man 13-21	Victorious Disciple	Applies the Word Defeats Satan	Consistent victory.	1 Jn. 2:13,14
	Pater	Father Adult	Mature Disciple	Knowledgeable Teaches others	Reproduction	<u>1 Jn, 2:13.14</u> 1 Cor. 4:15

Eph 2:1-5

- 1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,
- 2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.
- 3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.
- 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
- 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ

Unbeliever

OSN (dominate)

“disposition toward sin”

- “old man” (Eph. 4:22, Col. 3:9)
- “old self” (Rom. 6:6)
- “flesh” (Rom 8:5-8; Gal 5:16-21)

Believer

NDN (dominate)

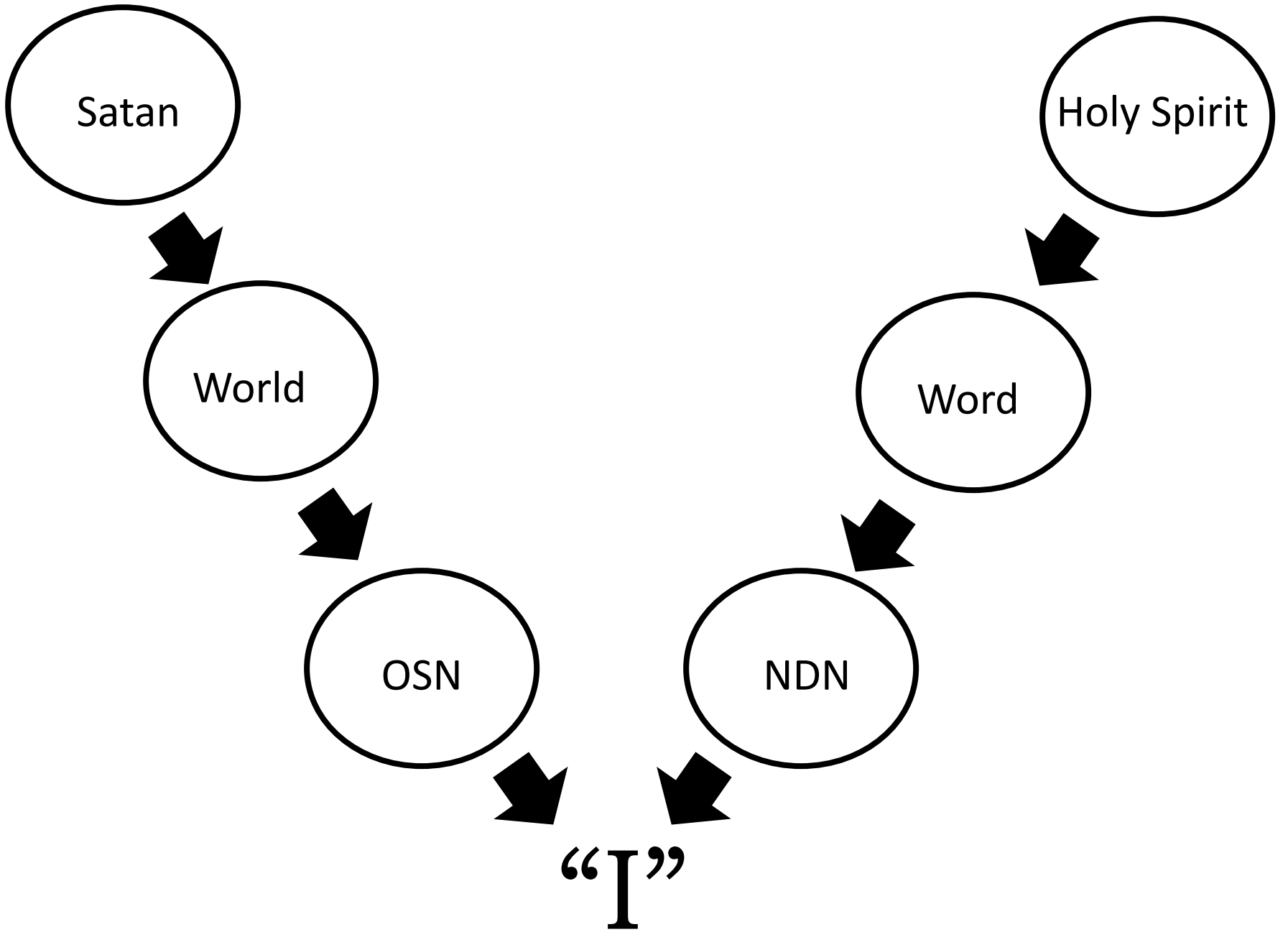
“disposition toward holiness”

- “new man” (Eph. 4:24, Col. 3:10)
- “inner man” (Rom. 7:22)

VS.

OSN (count as dead)

- “old self was crucified with Christ”
Rom. 6:6
- “have crucified the flesh”
Gal. 5:24
- “put to death the deeds of the body” Rom. 8:13



Rom 7:15-25

- 15 For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate.
- 18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.
- 19 For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want.
- 21 I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good.
- 22 For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man,
- 23 but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.
- 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?
- 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.

Examples of rate of spiritual growth:

Paul

Peter

Corinth

1 Cor 1:2

2 To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling,

Thessalonica

Hebrews

Smyrna

Laodicea

Reasons why some believers grow faster than others:

1. Personality/Temperament.

2. Opportunity.

Church A

Church B

3. Discipline/Accountability.

4. Desire.

5. Commitment.

Matt 13:23

23 "And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."

Heb 6:1-3

6 Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

2 of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.

3 And this we will do, if God permits.