

# Passion for Sanctification – Transcript

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And God is always new to us 24-7. He didn't wait just till morning. But we love to sing of the goodness of God. And we want to acknowledge and receive the goodness of God. Goodness of God in the land of the living that's with us. Yes, beloved? So let me just pray over this word and I know that we will have hearts to hear, okay? So Father, we honor and we acknowledge Your presence with us. You are so faithful. You are so faithful. And first and foremost, we just thank You that You have saved our souls, that You called us while we were in darkness into this beautiful light and into Your home and kingdom. And we are forever grateful that You have saved us. And as for me and our house, we shall serve the Lord. We thank You for the promise of salvation and glory for all of our homes and family and loved ones, extended families, and all that we know, Lord, that they would know that You are good So I ask, Father, that You bless this word and that everyone will have ears to hear what You're saying. Jesus' name, amen. Amen. All right. So the Lord's been speaking on sanctification. I titled this The Passion and Sanctification. Holy Spirit's really highlighting the Lord's passion this fall. And we know that God's not dead, but really alive. He is alive and He is passion. He is passionate. He is passionate because He's so passionate that He sent His only begotten Son to save us. That's a passion. That's to the full extent. Proof's in the pudding, okay? He's not all talk. His Word is true. What He says He will deliver on. We can take Him at His Word. He's not a man that He would lie. And He has passion in His heart for us every day of our lives. And there is passion in a word called sanctification. We're going to talk about that more this morning.

And I want you to hear this beautiful quote. It's pretty funny. I read this in one of my daytimers. You know how the Lord just speaks out of the blue? It had nothing to do with anything. But the fruit of the Spirit isn't grown in comfort, but it's cultivated in surrender. I thought that was beautiful, and I really tied this into this passion. The fruit of the Spirit, which we know is love, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness, self-control, the fruit of the Spirit isn't grown in comfort, but it's cultivated in surrender. And that's what the Lord wants. He wants our absolute surrender. He wants all of our hearts. He wants all of us, spirit, soul, and body. And there's passion There's passion in His heart for us and there's passion every day to encounter. You could look at Isaiah 14:24. I want to read this one verse out of ESV. This was part of our summer purpose and one of our messages there that we continue to hold on to throughout all summer. Isaiah 14:24 out of ESV. It says,

the Lord of hosts has sworn And as I have planned, so shall it be. As I have purposed, so shall it stand (Isaiah 14:24, ESV). What a declaration. The Lord of hosts has sworn God is not a man that He would lie. Amen. He is yes and He is amen. He is truth. The Lord of hosts has sworn, as I have planned, so shall it be. Those are covenant words. As I have purposed, so shall it stand. Amen.

Go to Ephesians 5:25. We're so grateful that our God is faithful and true. Amen. Ephesians 5:25-27. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of the water by the Word, that we might present, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy without blemish (Ephesians 5:25-27). Husbands, love your wives just as Christ because we know that Christ is the head of the church, He is the Husband. What a charge to every head of the household. Yes? What a beautiful charge in comparison to the One that gave His all for all of us and has established His house in order and authority and passion. Love your wives' husbands, as Christ also loved the church, that's the bride, and gave Himself for her. That is His lifestyle. To this day, why? That He might sanctify, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of the water by the Word, that He would present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. Amen.

In Hebrews 13:12 it says that Jesus has sanctified the people with His own blood (Hebrews 13:12). And the blood speaks a better word. Sanctified means blessed, it means made holy. None of us were born holy. Yes, we were born in sin, far from God, far from holy. Yes, but He has made us holy. Sanctification is to make holy, to consecrate, to separate from the world, and to set apart from sin. Sanctification, sanctifying, He is purifying, He is establishing for Himself a church, a body, a bride, a person, a government, a kingdom which belongs to Him, and He is holy, and He is converting us, sanctifying us, cleansing us. He has justified us. He has come and saved us, and the journey began as soon as you said, I do. That's what happened when you got saved. You said, I do. And at that moment, the sanctifying work of God through Christ and His great love starts perfecting us in His holiness. We're consecrated to Him. We're separate from the world, the world system. We're set apart from sin so that we can have intimate fellowship with God and serve Him gladly. God pulls out of our soul constantly the things of the world, the things of sin, trauma, wounds, hurts. He prepares us. He dedicates us. He is making us holy. That's a powerful, powerful mission. And the great Holy Ghost is doing this amazing work And the fruit of the Spirit isn't grown in comfort. It's cultivated by our surrender, our absolute surrender, our absolute surrender. 100 zillion percents wholeheartedly all in. I'm in Him and He's in me. I love God with all my heart, soul, mind, will, and strength. Yes. Jesus said, Love

the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, will, and strength. And your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:37-39). But everything starts there. Jesus states this and the Lord continues to affirm His Word.

God has sanctified us with His own blood. The blood speaks a better word. He has made us holy through His own blood because His blood was holy. Our sanctification in Christ pleases God. It pleases God. Being sanctified in Christ pleases God because God is perfect and God is holy. This pleases God that He is preparing a church that is beautiful and glorious, perfected, that pleases the Father, that the work of the Son and the Spirit are doing this magnificent miracle. Yes? Wow. God will impart to us the passion in pleasing Him. We want passion. We don't want dead works. We don't want to be dry and dead. We want to be fresh and flourishing, correct? We want to be active, alert, having relationship with the Lord, not just a form of religion. We are called to a person. We are called to the Godhead. We are called to a kingdom. We're called to a home. We're called to something that can never, ever, ever end, an enduring love. God imparts to us His passion. Now we grow in that passion. We grow in our passion. I can honestly say that when I first got saved, I was so undone and convicted, weeping and crying, yes, making Him my Lord and Master, surrendering to His Lordship. I didn't know much about passion at that point. I didn't know a whole lot about anything. All I knew was that I was undone and His passion was flowing into me and out of me because I know I just gave my heart to Jesus. My sins were forgiven and I get to be with Him forever. That's where it starts, right there. That's where it starts. Yes, that's where it starts. And the passion begins.

Look at Proverbs 16:7. the passion and sanctification. 7 says, When a man's ways please the Lord, He makes even His enemies to be at peace with Him (Proverbs 16:7). Wow. Now you can use that spiritual and physical. Relational. When a man's ways please the Lord, He makes even His enemies to be at peace with Him. Say amen. Go to John 8:29. There is passion in sanctification. The Christ loves us and He gave Himself for us so He could sanctify and cleanse us by the washing of the water of His Word. That's why every time you open that Bible, every time you hear a word, every time you read the Bible, you are being sanctified. You're being cleansed. You're being transformed. You're being imparted to by God Almighty. You're not just doing a Bible study. You are having communion with God because Jesus is the Word of God. Amen? John 8:29, it says, and He who sent me is with me. The Father has not left me alone, for I always do the things that please Him (John 8:29). Wow. Don't you want to say that? Don't you want to say that to God? Don't we want to bear that same witness? Why would we even care? Because Christ is in us. Christ is in you, the hope of glory. So His passion is coming up and out of us. He who sent me is with me. The Father has not left me alone. He knows this. For I always do the things that please Him. Humans don't always do the things that please Him. If you're born on the planet. Yes? But

Jesus always does the things that please Him. You hear His heart? There is passion in the sanctification. There is passion in obedience. There's passion in holiness with Christ. And He lives in me.

Look at Hebrews 11:6. When a man's ways please the Lord, He even makes His enemies to be at peace with Him. Jesus always does the things that please God. That is amazing. 6, We know that without faith it is impossible to please Him, because he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder to those who diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6). Without faith, that's the whole thing that God has started. We had to have faith to believe, yes? By grace, through faith, we've been saved. But by faith is the journey of life, and it will be until we see Him face to face. Truth? Without faith, it's impossible to please Him. So therefore, I know, okay, I want to be in faith. I may have this much, but I'm going to bring my mustard seed. Yes? I'm going to put my faith in Him and His Word. That's it, okay? I come to Him. I believe that He is. We put our faith in who He is. We put our faith in who He is, period. End of discussion. Okay? I can't talk you out of that, right? We put our faith in who He is, and that's a lot. Truth? And here's the glory. He will reward you. God will reward us here and in the age to come. Praise the Lord. He didn't have to, but that's just who He is. He is so good. Eternal life is our greatest reward. To be with Him forever and ever and ever. Oh my God. But He is a rewarder who diligently seek Him. You hear the word diligence, passion. We have a part to agree with His passion for us. We have a part to agree with what He's saying, how He draws us.

Let's go to John 17:14. There's passion and sanctification. And as God has planned and purposed, it's going to stand. The purposes of God will stand. The purposes and plan of God will stand all the way from Genesis 1, all the way to the end in Revelation 22. The eternal Word is eternal forever in the heavens and will stand. Glory to God. In John 17, we're going to start in verse 14. The whole thing is awesome as Jesus is pouring out His heart to the Lord. But in John 17:14, He's praying to the Father. He says, I have given them your Word and the world has hated them because they're not of this world, just as I am not of this world. 15, I do not pray that You would take them out of the world, but that You would keep them from the evil one. Say, thank You, Jesus. They are not of this world, just as I am not of this world. So sanctify them by Your truth. Your Word is truth. As You sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth (John 17:14-19). Wow. There's passion and sanctification. Those are not dead words from the Christ. All of John 17 is His passion, His passion for the Father, for His call, for the cross, for salvation, for those who will come, for the church that's being born, and sanctified through His blood because the Father is sanctifying Jesus in the truth. Yes, He is sanctifying Jesus because He always does what pleases Him. He's

sanctifying Jesus even before He went to the cross. He was perfect spirit, soul and body always. He did not sin in any respect.

Sanctify them by Your truth. Your Word is truth. We are sanctified. There is passion when we read His Word, when we hear His Word, when we receive the Word. There is His passion. We are being sanctified. It's not a duty. It's not a religious duty. It is our life. He is our life. He is our passion. He is our everything. Amen. So He says, Sanctify them, God, by Your truth. Your Word is true. You hear the Spirit. For their sakes I sanctify myself. Now that's an amazing statement. For their sakes. That's the Christ. Everything is for the sake of others. But He knew that this was the Father's will. He would be sanctified in offering Himself perfectly to save humans. He sanctified Himself, said, I'm holy, I'm set apart, I'm consecrated, I'm passionate. I will fulfill what is written of me so that we could be with Him forever and ever. Amen. Hallelujah.

The Spirit declares that through Word, the church and individuals are His corporate part. We are sanctified in Christ Jesus and then He calls us saints. From sinners to saints, right? That's why it's all through the scripture. And to the saints in Colossae, yes, and to the saints of the Most High, we are called saints, born again once, sanctified, made perfect, before God, chosen, yes, chosen. And Jesus said over here again, Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her so He could sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of the water of the Word so that He would have a glorious church without spot, wrinkle, or blemish so we would be holy. Holy. You can't attain holiness apart from Christ. Good luck. There's a lot of holiness movements out there and they are just about as legalistic as you get. You can't do squat because it's not about what you do. It's who you know. It's the blood that you've received. It's the salvation you've received. It's the passion of sanctification. And when you let God do this work, you are going to be transformed. Truth, look at 1 Thessalonians 4. Sanctify them in Your truth, Lord. So abide in me and abide in my word and there it goes. He's like, I don't measure up. You're right, none of us do. But He is the measure. And now that standard is receive the passion to be sanctified. Be being made holy, yes.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-3. It says, Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you've received from us and how you ought to walk and how to please God. For you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus, for this is the will of God, your sanctification (1 Thessalonians 4:1-3). This is the will of God, your sanctification. Because He's exhorting the family of God, exhorting them in the Word. And you will abound more and more because you're learning, you're growing, you're walking. You are walking under the glory of the Lord and the commandments of God. They're following the instruction of those who are leading them. And then they come, This is the will of God, your sanctification. Pretty sure they heard Jesus

say that. The Holy Ghost was bearing witness. I want to be in the will of God. Do you? I don't want to be outside of the will of God. Nobody should want to want to be outside of the will of God. I don't want to be in my own will. I don't want to be subject to myself. Absolute surrender to the One, our God. That's why He's our God. And it's His will to sanctify us. You hear it? There's passion here.

Now go to 1 Peter 1:2. This is out of New Living. So we're taking the word sanctification and not making some theological big word that you don't understand into what it really means. Helping us understand what God is really doing in us, and then we yield to that. And when He comes to us, what do I do? Absolute surrender. Yes, Lord, right? The fruit of the Spirit is what's supposed to be coming out of us, not the works of the flesh, right? 2, it says, God the Father knew you and chose you long ago, and His Spirit has made you holy. God the Father knew you and chose you long ago, and His Spirit has made you holy. He's called Holy Spirit for a reason. through sanctification of the Spirit. As a result, you have obeyed Him and have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ. So may God give you more and more grace and peace (1 Peter 1:2, NLT). You see that? It is a journey of love, is it not? But God knew us before the beginning of time. He knows us. He is the one that formed and fashioned us in our mother's womb. Yes, He knows us and He knows those who are His. You're known by Him and known for Him. And this is the journey. The Holy Ghost is making us holy. So let's don't kick against the God. Let's let Him, right? The Holy Ghost just keeps put something on. He just touches that one little spot, and you're, right? Keep letting Him. Go there. Go there. Surrender. Absolutely, right? That's all He wants. Thank God for the blood of Jesus.

Now go over to 1 Thessalonians 5. See, I'm being sanctified. Being made holy. Absolute surrender, beloved. 1 Thessalonians 5:23. We use this a lot around here as we believe in the full ministry of salvation, sozo, eternal life, deliverance, healing, freedom, wholeness, peace, shalom. The prayer is, Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely. Big word. This is a prayer. Now may the God of peace Himself, may the God of peace Himself, may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely. That was the Lord's prayer. Father, sanctify them in your truth. And the church is repeating this heart, this passion to the flock. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, because He who called you is faithful, and He will do it (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24). Wow. He will do it. He will do it. He will do it. The God of peace Himself sanctifies us completely. There's passion in sanctification. There is passion in all the works and all the Word of God. There is passion in His presence. We want to be alive, fresh, and flourishing to receive His passion.

Go to Proverbs 12:25. I'm going to read that one out, the Amplified path of righteousness. Proverbs 12:25, It says, in the way of righteousness is life, and its pathway there is no death, but immortality, eternal life (Proverbs 12:28, AMP). In the way of righteousness is life, and in its pathway there is no death, but immortality, eternal life. Because that's what Jesus told us, that if we believed on Him, We would never die. We would have eternal life. Life and life more abundant. And that starts today. Amen. And when our physical bodies either caught up to meet the Lord in the air or we perish in the dust and wake up in His presence, yes, we are immortal. We have eternal life forever and ever. Amen. Say amen. That's being a Christian, right? Wow. In the way of righteousness is life. 3. Most know this one. 3 says, He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness. Why? For His name's sake (Psalm 23:3). See, that glorifies the Father. That answers Jesus' prayer. Father, glorify Your name. Sanctify them in truth. May they walk after Me and follow Me on the paths of righteousness. That's why when we get off, you feel it, right? If you get in the flesh, you feel it because sanctification is His passion. You restore my soul. That's that mind, will, and emotion, your heart. He restores. He reconciles. He heals to the uttermost. He restores my soul and leads me in paths of righteousness. We've been made right with God through Jesus Christ.

Look at Romans 8:26. Thank you, Lord. 26, it says, Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weaknesses. Say hallelujah. We don't know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings that cannot be uttered (Romans 8:26). There is passion. in the Holy Ghost interceding for us, sanctifying us. He knows. We don't know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself, that is the Holy Ghost, God, the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us. with groanings which cannot even be uttered. So when we pray in the Spirit at all times, when you pray in your spiritual language, yes, when you pray more and more, increase more and more, you pray more and more in the Spirit, it edifies your house. It edifies you. The Kingdom of Heaven comes and sanctifies spirit, soul, and body, mind, will, and emotion. The Spirit, the Kingdom of Heaven just explodes within you and intercession is happening from the Holy Ghost. And you may not know how to pray, but He is perfect in the intercession. Isn't that beautiful? He is making intercession for us on behalf of us constantly. 27, And He who searches our hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God (Romans 8:27). Isn't that glorious? This is the will of God, your sanctification. Of course He intercedes for the saints. We are not alone. Say, I'm not alone. And He calls us in flocks. He calls us in families, yes. Around the globe from the beginning of time to the end, we're in families. He knows us. And He's always making intercession for the saints according to the will of God. It's like, I am so in the center of His will. I am in the

center of His heart. There is passion there. Not obligation, not duty, but yet it is a duty. Yes, it is a charge, it is a call, but it is life, beloved.

Verse 28, it says, we know that all things work together for good to those who love God and to those who are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28). 29, because who He foreknew, He predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son. Goal, there it is. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son. Wow. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed into the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Thirty, moreover, whom He predestined, He called. And who He called, these He justified. And who He justified, these He also glorified (Romans 8:29-30). That is a lot. That is a lot. This is glory, okay? This is the work of God in our hearts on the paths of righteousness. Go down to verse 31. He says, so what can we say to these things then? If God's for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31). Right, there He goes again. This is the will of God, your sanctification. I want to be in the will of God. Yes, Lord. And if God is for me, who's really going to be against me? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? (Romans 8:32). He doesn't get apart from the Son and the Spirit. They all work in unity. That's what John 17 is all about. And we have entered that unity. We're not appointed to wrath. Oh my goodness, I'm not appointed to wrath. Say it. I am sanctified. Wow, thank you, Jesus. Wow.

33. Who can bring a charge against God's elect? It's God who justifies. Who is He who condemns? If it's Christ who died and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of a God who also makes intercession for us? (Romans 8:33-34). Christ is interceding for us at the right hand of God. We just got to come up here and lay hold of what's been laid hold for us. There's passion in our sanctification. 35, who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress? Persecution or famine? Nakedness or peril or sword? 36, as is written, for Your sake, we're killed all day long. We're counted as sheep for the slaughter. Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels or principalities and powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height or depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:35-39). Amen. There is power in the sanctifying work of God as He leads us into righteousness where there's no death. He lives in us. We want God to live in us. We want Him to live through us. That's why we sing the songs because we walk with Him and talk with Him along life's merry way. We have communion with God. We have intimacy with God. This is His passion, beloved.



1 Peter 1, say there's passion and sanctification. Okay, and the Lord of Hosts has sworn, As I have planned, so shall it be. As I have purpose, so shall it stand. It cannot be altered. It cannot be changed. You are set in motion for eternal life forever and ever, and it starts now. How about that? Wow. As He who has called you is holy, you also must be holy in all of your conduct, because it is written, Be holy, for I am holy (1 Peter 1:15-16). Humans can't make yourself holy. The children of Israel were given this command a long time ago. No one's been able to measure up yet to that. No human, no Gentile, nobody, only Christ. the sanctified Son that God sent for a purpose to sanctify us so we could be with God and we could have Holy Ghost and we could live in kingdom dominion forever and ever with Him. Isn't that astounding? So now it's like, Be holy for I am holy. It shouldn't make you quiver like, Oh Lord, I just can't do this. And I received the sanctifying passion of God to make me holy. Yes?

Matthew 5:48, last one. Jesus, you know, He laid it out and we're like, therefore you shall be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect (Matthew 5:48). No flesh can do this, beloved, but the sanctifying work of the Spirit, the Husband who loves us, is sanctifying the church with His own blood. He says, now reproduce this in your household. Reproduce this in the kingdom of heaven. Reproduce this in my passion, in the work of the ministry, and all that we have set our hands to do. We are not dry, dead wood, right? We are living and breathing and abiding in the king. So let's stand up and receive His exhortation and His Word. I pray you be encouraged, strengthened. Go there with the Lord, you know. So Father, we receive Your Word. We receive the passion of Your sanctification. We receive and honor the Spirit that sanctifies us. And we thank You that You are perfecting what concerns us morning by morning, evening by evening, 24 hours a day. We are Yours, beloved, and we are so thankful that You have called us to Your path. to the way of the Lord, the narrow way of Christ. We love You, Jesus. We receive this and we just thank You for what You do and how You labor with us and how You're so patient. Thank You, Holy Ghost, that You never fail us and that You're empowering us. And thank You for the intercessions. Thank You that we wake up and we're like, wow, You've been with me. And we love You, Father, that Your love is enduring. We trust You. In Jesus' name, amen. Good?