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Praise the Lord For: Instant Salvation and Progressive Sanctification

We recently started a "New Member/New Convert Sunday School Class" at our church. This has reminded me that we all need to keep the foundational truths of our faith fresh in our minds and hearts. I have always liked what Luke said in the first verse of the Gospel of Luke; that he was writing about the "things most surely believed among us."

These truths begin with how we are saved & "by grace through faith". The simplicity of **salvation** is that we must see our need for a Savior, believe Jesus came to earth to be our Savior, and ask Him to come into our heart. **Salvation** takes place the instant we invite Jesus into our heart. It is a "done deal" at that moment, and can never be "undone". God keeps his promises, and there are many verses that assure us we are saved eternally.

Salvation is an event; not a process. On the other hand, sanctification is a process, and not an event. It includes growing closer to God as we understand more about Him and what He desires for our lives. Many Christians do not understand this and become discouraged. They "beat themselves up" because they are disappointed with themselves and their Christian walk.

Sanctification begins when we are saved and should continue as long as we live. We should constantly be growing in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord". As we learn more about Biblical principles, we begin to see life from God's perspective. It is natural then that we draw closer and closer to Him and to what he desires for us to be.

What can we do that will help us **grow in grace**? The first thing is to begin studying God's Word. In our class, we have made sure that all the members have a Scofield Study Bible so they can begin their own personal study. The study aids in the KJV Scofield Bible make it easy to begin this process.

What else can we do to grow in sanctification?

- ☐ Have a daily prayer time
- ☐ Join and be faithful to a good Bible believing church
- ☐ Fellowship with other Christians
- ☐ Tell others of our faith

Growing in grace is like filling a glass with water. Every time you add more water, you push out some air, and the glass becomes closer to being full. Fill your life with the things of God, and you will push out the world and its sinful attractions.

Here at WCB Radio, it is our prayer that you have accepted Christ, and settled the question of where you will spend eternity. It is also our prayer that you **grow in grace, and "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."**

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