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The Living Word

We rely on the Person and work of Jesus Christ. Our faith is wholly dependent upon His veracity. "He" (His Person) is the truest source of our "living hope" (1Pe 1:3).

Our Part In Hope

Receive faith in humility. If you do this one simple thing, you are given every reason to hope because God-given faith never fails.

True Faith

True faith cannot fail - Jesus proved this. The culprit for failure is not faith, it is the human will. Man, in a sense, fails faith when he chooses to oppose that which he knows is righteous. It is then that the context of faith changes from pure to adulterated, from infallible to fallible.

The Spirit Testifies

The Spirit testifies with our own spirit that all of these wonderful things are given to us because God loves His children!

The Dynamic Spiritual Life

God's love, through His Spirit, will see our sanctification to fruition. He guarantees it, as the Great Benefactor, the only One motivated by perfect love, and the only One with the perfect power to pull it all off!!

Baker's Dictionary

The Holy Spirit is the dynamic of sanctification. Jesus said that he had to go away so that the Holy Spirit would indwell believers (Jn 14:16-20). The "Holy" Spirit is so named not because he is more holy than the Father and the Son, but because his specific ministry vis-a-vis salvation is sanctification (Ro 15:16; 1Th 4:3-4; 2Th 2:13; 1Pe 1:2).

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The Spirit that inspired the Word of God now uses it to sanctify. Jesus, therefore, prayed concerning his own, "Sanctify them by the truth" (Jn 17:17). The Holy Spirit

is the Spirit of truth (John 16:13).

Baker's Dictionary

The Holy Spirit not only is the restoration of the presence of God in believers; he also equips believers to serve the church and the world. As the fruit of the Spirit are the result of the reproduction of godly character in believers (Gal 5:22-23), so the gifts of the Spirit (Ro 12:4-6; 1 Co 12, 14) are the means by which believers serve others.

"sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth"

"By the Spirit" refers to His ministry; "faith in the truth" refers to the substance of His ministry; taken together, we are sanctified.

1Th 4:3

For this is the will of God, your sanctification;

Ro 8:29

For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son,

Sanctification Perspectives

God's Perspective

- Sanctified (set apart for Him)

Man's Perspective ("phases")

- Positional (imputed R+ / judicially)
- Experiential (imparted R+ / daily)
- Ultimate (completed R+ / eternally)

Ultimate Sanctification

This is the final phase of the salvation process (1Th 5:23) - the glorification of the believer (Php 3:21) in the likeness of our Lord (Jn 8:54). It is guaranteed on the merits of Christ (Heb 10:10-14). It is realized at resurrection (Jn 11:25-26) when believers will be transformed and presented to the Lord as holy (Eph 1:4). (Eph 1:9-14; 1Jn 3:1-2)

The Eternal State Experience

- No more flesh with resurrection body (1Co 15)
- No more tears, death, mourning, crying, or pain (Rev 21:4)
- No more marriage or procreation (Mt 22:30)
- No need for the sun (Rev 22:5)