

Sanctified, To Rest in Christ

To be **sanctified** is to be set apart, distinguished from, separated so as not to intermingle. To be without stain or imperfections, pure and holy.

In the creation account after God was done, scripture says "Then God blessed the seventh day and **sanctified** it, because in it He rested (away) from all His work which God had created and made" so as not to intermingle. Gods rest was in Himself away from the physical constructs He had made. That is why when we go into Gods Domicile we take nothing of creation in with us.

You see God made something other than Himself, distinguishably different in composition and design as being different, with contrasts of light and dark, Heavenly to earthen, physical verses the invisible spirit, and He placed mankind there. Even as He told Isaiah "For as the Heavens are higher than the earth, do are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts higher than your thoughts". However Gods Heavens are not the ones in the skys of creation but the Heavens in the re-generated mind of faith, the place where the Holy Spirit abides.

The 7th day was sactified for God because there could be no mixing of the two realities of Eternity and creation.

Adam was sent forth and dispersed to work the earth.

The contrast is the Elect sent forth with the gospel introducing people into the Kingdom, to gather them to God, instead of scattered and dispersed abroad the face of the earth of creation) selected and assembled to another creation of people to rest from their labors and to enjoy what God has given them that He has in Himself. This is the Kingdom of God at hand.

This is our place of our rest and **sanctification that** we are called to partake of, and why we are called "a new creation in Christ Jesus". Not that it is new in the sense that it was just made. It is new in the sense that it never gets old, fades or wears out but always in it's Eternal Glory. The forever new.

Genesis2.3 "Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made." The seventh day was not suppose to be associated with this creation, being mankind's reality on earth but Gods reality in Heaven.

Moses spoke these words about God to the Israelites "You will bring them in and plant them In the mountain of Your inheritance, **In the place, O Lord, which You have made For Your own dwelling**, The sanctuary, O Lord, *which* Your hands have established." Describing that which is from the beginning.

And just in case you thought this place isn't meant for you and me, we need to look no further than

the book of Hebrews

4 Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. ² For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, ^[a]not being mixed with faith in those who heard *it*. ³ **For we who have believed (this promise) do enter that rest**, as He has said:

“So I swore in My wrath,
‘They shall not enter My rest’”. This God said because they wouldn't enter by faith.

In truth Gods place of rest has been His objective for us from day one saying "although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴ For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh *day* in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all His works”; ⁵ and again in this *place*: “They shall not enter My rest.”

Jeremiah Got it too. He writes in 17.12 "A glorious high throne from the beginning /s the place of our **sanctuary**". This is referred to as a current reality for them and not a product of some supposed second coming. That is the illusion.

All the prophets taught this. For this reason they are called the gates, and the gate keepers of the Kingdom of God because they were the 12 access points of entry.

In Christs Revelation He allocated to some who overcome this age, to be pillars in the House of God" as those of us who espouse and uphold these eternal truths because we had taken God at His word accepted the invitation and acted upon it with the tools He has given us.

This place being the one before God ever said a word is what we are talking about. And because "God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested, meaning retired from all His work", when we accept the invitation to rest, we retire there too. This is the home He has for us whose full aspiration is to be like Him. This is true godliness.

The only place this can truly take place is in God with God. How else are we suppose to emulate and associate with such?

It is that God spoke a word that went out and the only way to get back to the beginning is by Gods word and God's breath. These are the two agencies that came forth to make creation. "In the beginning God said "let there be... And the spirit of God broader over the face of the waters". Showing us this is true, and that they are the prescribed method for our return. But you must use your tools if faith lest this opportunity pass you by.

We know Gods eternal word is His only Begotten. (John 1.1) and (Hebrews 13.8)

This is why God said through Isaiah "so shall my word be that proceeded out of My mouth, it (He) shall not return to Me void but accomplish all My desire".

We are His desire because "in the beginning was the word, the word was with God and the word was God, He was in the beginning with God" and He is now seated in sweet repose waiting for His enemies to become His footstool". And because every human enemy hangs limp at the cross (Colossians 2), Gods enemies are those who refuse to believe and achieve the Rest of the 7th day. That would rather stay in their old nature and fight. Even 1 John 2 says "I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one." As being a junior achievement.

We can know that Christ was pre-existing with the Father. And that when the Son said "follow Me that where I am you may be also" as God the Father also affirms "My word (His Son) shall not return to be void" (or in vain), but shall accomplish all My desire. We know that to follow Christ is to go to where word leads us. Which is where word originated from and where word returns, which is back to the Father having something with Him. That something would be us the Elect, of those who have taken God at His word, who are "in Christ" who planted Himself in us and we in Him. Who also said "if you keep My words and My words abide in you, the Father and I will come to you and make our home in you). And so they do. But because their things are eternal, they don't move in with old furniture. With them everything is Spirit and Truth and Eternally new. This is why Paul called us a new creation of something we are now, not later. That is if you are able to receive it. Or better yet, receive them.

There remains a rest to the people of God". If you are waiting for Gods Rest or God's Son to appear later, you will miss out just like bygone generations.

This why Hebrews says "there remains a rest to the people of God, for those who have entered that ready have ceased from their works like God did from His." And "let us fear lest anyone fall short of it" because there is a fearful judgment to those who don't.

If we understand where our rest is, that God sanctified, set apart and spot lighted that place called the seventh day. It is the same day that scripture calls "that day" and "in that day", "The Lord's Day" and "in the day of the Lord" and "in Christ". These are not multiple times with multiple events splayed out overtime. It is the same event for each person in their own order as Paul teaches in 1 Corinthians 15. For even Jesus Christ rebuked the Pharisees who chided with Him as to when His Day would come and He said "Abraham rejoiced to see My Day, he saw it and was glad" as do we.

We know we are in Christ because we see the things that are here. They do not belong on earth. The Holy items have carnal replicas on earth for instructive purposes only. This is why the Israelites were called "children" nearly 2000 times in the old covenant. They just could not expire their toys and trade them for the real and eternal.

Isaiah 66 calls it...

Revelation 21 says...

we can learn to see that every incident in scripture that was talking of and teaching about sanctify and sanctuary and sanctification, that all the feasts, ceremonies and systems associated with such were teaching about invisible realities that were pre-existing before God ever said a Word. Even as God told Moses "see that you make everything according to the pattern of what you saw on the mountain. If you remember correctly, Moses was told to take His sandals off because "the place you are standing is Holy ground.

Holy correctly understood means other worldly, meaning transparent, meaning invisible, meaning "Spirit and Truth". This is why Peter reiterated the scripture that says "be ye Holy as I am Holy" because we are called to become transparent with God. That is why He is interested in our thoughts, mind, feelings heart and soul, as of our things that are not carnal.

And to jar your thinking a little bit more, this is why Yeshua told the lady at the well in John 4, that "the time that is coming is already here when you will NOT worship the Father in Samaria or in Jerusalem, because the Father is Spirit and truth and seeks such". So we know what we must become. And because of this you can understand that when Gods Jerusalem is defined, she is referred to with precious stones, gems and a sea of glass.

And this is why we are called living stones assembled a habitation for God in the Spirit because we reach our arrival to Gods Rest and Gods "Kingdom at hand".

It was Christ's prayer right before He went to the cross where He prayed "Father, I want those whom you have given Me to be with Me where I am". Who told us right before that "if you keep My words and My words abide in you, My Father and I will come to you and make our home in you".

With this we hope you can receive and understanding that since God the Father is in Christ and we

are in Christ, that, that word is fulfilled in us who have received it.

And to be certain you are sanctified when you are in God's word, Jesus said "**Sanctify** them by Your truth. Your word is truth." And "And for their sakes I **sanctify** Myself, that they also may be **sanctified** by the truth.

And with the Apostles in Acts "So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are **sanctified**." Meaning the inheritance is in the sanctification because it is other worldly.

And again from Acts "that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are **sanctified** by faith in Me." Showing us that faith is our invisible tool which grants us access to this place.

For both He who **sanctifies** and those who are being **sanctified** are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,

a Minister of the **sanctuary** and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

The Heavenly Sanctuary

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.

By that will we have been **sanctified** through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*.

2 Corinthians 7.1