

HELLO, MY NAME IS THE HOLY SPIRIT!
A Friend With Benefits!
Sanctification – Seasoned And Ready For Use
Selected Old & New Testament Scripture

To get the best use from a cast iron skillet it must be properly seasoned for use.

How to properly season a cast iron skillet.

- Step #1 - **Wash the cast iron cookware with warm water and soap.**
- Step #2 - **Coat the pot or pan inside and out with lard, Crisco, bacon fat, or corn oil. –**
- Step #3 -**Place the pot or pan upside down in the oven at a high temperature.**
- Step #4 – **Repeat.**
- Step #5 - **Maintain the cast iron with ongoing care.**

I share this with you for it truly describes the process of sanctification in the life the believer.

We are in Week # 6 of our Sermon Series, “*Hello, My Name Is The Holy Spirit*” and so far, we have.

- Week #1 – The Who and What of the Holy Spirit.
- Week #2 – How we get the Holy Spirit.
- Week #3 – How the Holy Spirit indwells the life of the believer of Jesus Christ.
- Week #4 – Was a turn in our Sermon Series to “*A Friend With Benefits*”.
 - Week #4 – The Holy Spirit guides the Christ follower.
 - Week #5 – The Holy Spirit empowers the Christ follower.

Today our key word or key benefit of the Holy Spirit in our lives is the fact that He sanctifies us.

- Sanctification - 50 cent definition – *Growth in the likeness of Christ.*
- Sanctification - \$1 definition – *Is the progressive work of God and man that makes us more and more free from sin and like Christ in our actual lives.*

- “*To be in Christ -- that is redemption; but for Christ to be in you -- that is sanctification!*” W. Ivan Thomas – Christian Author

I Corinthians 1:30 –

- Righteousness – *has to do with our standing before God, we are justified, but it is due not to us but rather because of the fact that we are in Christ.*
- Sanctification – *set apart to belong to God and to serve Him.*
 - Exodus 13:2
- Redemption – *emphasis the fact that we are set free because Jesus Christ paid the price for us at the Cross.*

Now let’s go back to the preparation of our cast iron skillet and see how this describes our sanctification.

- **Step #1 - Wash the cast iron cookware with warm water and soap. - I John 1:6 -7**
 - In I John 2:1-2, John uses 2 titles for Christ, 2 titles that only He can have.
 - Propitiation – “*to appease someone who is angry*”.
 - Spiritually it means the satisfying of God’s Holy Law. (Guilty – Innocent)
 - Advocate – A person called into Court would bring an advocate (lawyer) to represent him.
 - *One called alongside.*
 - Christ is a propitiation for all but an Advocate for only the believer.
- **Step #2 - Coat the pot or pan inside and out with lard, Crisco, bacon fat, or corn oil. – Ephesians 1:13-14**
 - Notice the flow here:
 - You listen to the message of the Gospel.
 - You move from listening to believing the Gospel.
 - You are sealed by the Holy Spirit that is a promise.
 - You have an inheritance.

Sadly, this is as far as most Christians go, salvation but no sanctification.

We may be content to remain what we call 'ordinary people': but He is determined to carry out a quite different plan. To shrink back from that plan is

not humility; it is laziness and cowardice. To submit to it is not conceit, it is obedience.” A. W Tozer

- **Step #3** -Place both the lid and the pot or pan upside down in the oven at a high temperature. **Romans 5:1-5**
 - Paul uses the word “introduction” here, but Christ wants more than a mere introduction.
 - He uses another word “exalt” - *hold (someone or something) in very high regard; think or speak very highly of.*
 - Paul says we are to also exult in our tribulations.
 - Notice the flow here:
 - Tribulations bring about perseverance.
 - Perseverance (grit) brings about proven character.
 - Proven character produces hope and it is a hope that does not disappoint.
 - Why, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who was given to us.
- **Step #4** – Repeat.
- **Step #5** - Maintain the cast iron with ongoing care.

Sanctification is more than being cleansed. It is being cleansed and prepared for God’s service.

You can be saved without suffering, but you cannot be sanctified without suffering. That doesn't mean you seek it out, but it does mean you see it for what it is. It's an opportunity to glorify God.” — Mark Batterson, All In: You Are One Decision Away From a Totally Different Life