

**WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN
TO NOT SO GOOD PEOPLE - Part IV**
Reference: **miscellaneous Scripture**
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ONE - Sometimes something bad happens as a direct result from a **wrong action** or **wrong inaction** on our part. These wrong actions and wrong inactions exist as either mistakes or as sins.

TWO - Sometimes something bad happens to convince us to **trust** God.

THREE - Sometimes something bad happens to enable us to better **comfort** someone else.

FOUR - Sometimes something bad happens to remind us of our **eternal reward** in heaven.

FIVE - Sometimes something bad happens so that God is **glorified** in and through that situation.

SIX - Sometimes something bad happens to act as the agent God uses to conform us to _____ His Son, Jesus.

Reference: **Romans 8:28-29** (see screen)

“Sanctification” is a translation of the ancient Greek word “*hagiasmos*” and means “a _____; to separate or be set apart from something.”

Three Tenses to Sanctification:

- _____ **Sanctification - past tense** because this sanctification happened at someone’s salvation in the past
Reference: **I Corinthians 1:30** (see screen)

Background: All people are born “**in Adam**.” That is our position until, at salvation, through Holy Spirit baptism someone is put into Christ. Being “_____” is someone’s **post salvation position** until heaven.

Reference: **I Corinthians 15:22; Ephesians 1:3** (see screen)

Definition: **Positional sanctification** is where God separates us unto Himself to be His permanent _____.

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- _____ (Experiential) **Sanctification - present tense** because this sanctification happens in the now

Definition: **Progressive sanctification** is where as Christians in an experiential ongoing gradual and progressive sense we separate ourselves from sin and other entanglements so that we can be more and more conformed to _____.

References: **II Corinthians 3:18; I Thessalonians 4:3** (see screen)

- _____ (Complete or Ultimate) **Sanctification - future tense** because this sanctification happens in heaven

Definition: **Perfect sanctification** is where we are completely separated from sin and all consequences and even residue from sin in _____.

References: **I Thessalonians 5:23; I John 3:2**

Our focus this morning is our **present tense ongoing progressive sanctification**.

The ultimate objective God has for each Christian is that we become more like His Son, Jesus. In a categorical sense being conformed to resemble Jesus means three things:

- One, it means that we are to have Christ-like _____, meaning we are to **think** like Jesus would **think**.
Reference: **Philippians 2:5-8** (see screen)

Definition: Being humble means understanding that **in** and _____ we are inadequate; but also, understanding that _____ we have significant and attainable God given potential.
Reference: **Philippians 4:13** (see screen)

- Two, it means that we are to have Christ-like _____, meaning we are to **feel** like Jesus would **feel**.
References: **John 14:27; John 16:33; Philippians 4:7** (see screen)

- * It is a peace that transcends and defies all **human** _____.
- * It is a peace that is _____ available through the **world system** of medication and or psychological therapies.

- * It is a peace that can _____ our hearts and minds.
- * It is a peace that is from _____ and is available only in Him.
- * It is a peace that doesn't mean the absence of _____; but instead, is the confidence that Jesus is right there with us through that trouble.

Three, _____ is that we are to have Christ-like _____, meaning that we **act** like Jesus would **act**.
 Reference: **Colossians 3:17**; **I Corinthians 11:1**;
Ephesians 5:1; **I John 2:6** (see screen)

Numerous times in Scripture God uses the illustration of the **potter** and the **clay** to describe our relationship to each other.

Reference: **Isaiah 64:8** (see screen)

Additional references: **Isaiah 45:9**; **Jeremiah 18:1-6**; **Romans 9:21, 21**

The potter represents _____.

The clay represents _____.