



## **BAPTISM PART 2:**

*In the Holy Spirit, and in Fire*

**Community ConneXions Church**

**Sunday, September 27, 2020**

**God has so much in store for His people.**

**He not only has cleansed them and LET THEM SHARE IN the Baptism of Jesus.**

**He lets US share in Jesus' sanctification.**

**What's sanctification?**

**What does that have to do with the folks that got baptized?**

**What has it got to do with the rest of us?**

**Let's look at that this morning.**

**First,**

**LET'S PRAY**

# I. WHAT IS SANCTIFICATION

## John 17:19 (NIV)

<sup>19</sup> For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

## Sanctify – comes from this Greek word

[G37](#) hagiazo hag-ee-ad'-zo

from [G40](#);

to make holy, i.e. (ceremonially) purify or consecrate; (mentally) to venerate.

### Consecration

Consecration is the solemn dedication to a special purpose or service. The word consecration literally means "association with the sacred". Persons, places, or things can be consecrated, and the term is used in various ways by different groups.

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**“making myself holy, purifying myself, venerating myself”**

For them I am: **making myself holy, purifying myself, venerating myself**

that they too may be truly

**made holy, purified, venerated Christ  
PURIFIED HIMSELF! OF WHAT?**

## II. WHY DID CHRIST HAVE TO PURIFY HIMSELF?

John 1:14 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh

[G4561](#) sarx sarx

probably from the base of [G4563](#);

flesh (as stripped of the skin), i.e. (strictly) the meat of an animal (as food),

Christ really and truly became flesh.

Flesh just like our flesh.

Hebrews 4:15 (KJV)

<sup>15</sup> For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but **was in all points tempted** like as we are, yet without sin.

**Christ assumed our fallen flesh!**

In the sight of God, all men are one man (Adam), and one man is all men. Jesus Christ, Son of God *is* **the Second Adam**. Jesus Christ comprehended (or included, encompassed) even the first Adam, and thus “comprehended” all humanity. Thus along with Adam, Jesus fell from life to death, **into the valley of this wretched world at the fall!** From the Virgin’s womb Christ set out to do his redeeming work. **To fix flesh. To sanctify flesh!**



**Romans 8:7**, “because **the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God**; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so.”

## III. TO SANCTIFY FLESH!

### Flesh fell: It has become:

<sup>29</sup> filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are **full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice**. They are gossips, <sup>30</sup> slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; <sup>31</sup> they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy.

Science can observe this, but it can't change it!

## Don't Listen to Your Lizard Brain

[The evolution of the brain can help us understand human behavior.](#)

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Do you ever surprise yourself, finding that you have done something without thinking about it? Do you ever notice that you feel sad or happy, but aren't sure why?

In 1990, physician and neuroscientist Paul MacLean provided one possible explanation of this phenomenon in his book, *The Triune Brain in Evolution*. Although scientists now know that some of the details may be wrong, it remains a useful concept. The idea is that **our human brains are really composed of three parts:**

1. **The reptilian brain**, composed of the basal ganglia (striatum) and brainstem, is involved with primitive drives related to **thirst, hunger, sexuality, and territoriality**, as well as habits and procedural memory (like putting your keys in the same place every day without thinking about it or riding a bike).



2. The paleomammalian (old mammal) brain, including the hypothalamus, hippocampus, amygdala, and cingulate cortex, is **the center of our motivation, emotions, and memory, including behavior such as parenting.**

3. The neomammalian (new mammal) brain, consisting of the neocortex, **enables language, abstraction, reasoning, and planning.**

**Automatic routines which**, over time, we have learned do without thinking about them, such as **playing tennis** and **even driving**, are largely performed **by our reptilian brain.** *So when we are driving and, at the same time, engrossed in a conversation with a friend, we may find that we have driven somewhere with no memory of how we did it — that's because the reptilian brain was doing most of the driving.*

Sometimes, something that we are not conscious of, such as **a particular smell, can trigger** a complex emotion for reasons that our conscious mind cannot understand. That can occur because the paleomammalian brain has processed the smell, retrieved a memory related to the smell, and triggered the emotion relevant to that experience. It is only once our neomammalian brain becomes conscious of the smell and the memory that we understand our emotion. For example, you may find that you are at a restaurant and suddenly feel an overwhelming sense of sadness that you cannot understand. It is only upon reflection that you realize that the woman at the next table is wearing the same perfume as your best friend, who died last year.

In my work as a cognitive behavioral neurologist and researcher, the concept of the triune brain often helps me understand what is happening to my patients. Most of my patients' brain diseases, such as Alzheimer's, affect the paleomammalian and neomammalian brains, leaving the reptilian brain relatively intact. This pattern of brain damage helps explain many situations:

*"I know grandma has Alzheimer's, but how can she remember how to play the piano when she cannot remember my name?"*

## Flesh is what Christ became!

## It was fallen flesh with a LIZARD/SERPENT BRAIN.

## Christ did it to SANCTIFY FLESH

"the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals . . . "The serpent deceived me, and I ate"

Flesh fell in Satan.

But it rose in Jesus Christ!

#### **IV. HE PURGED IT. CLEANED IT. REFINED IT.**

**What if you could become a “dog.”<sup>1</sup>**

**What if you could become a “dog” and retain all your knowledge of humanity.**

**What if, while fully dog and fully human, you could overcome dog stuff.**

**Fire hydrants. Biting mailmen. Scratching. You learned how to flip a toilet seat and flush a toilet, only after you wiped.**

**OF COURSE the other dogs would kill you.**

**But say you resurrected, went back to humanity as a dog human, got human spirit and downloaded it into other dogs that would let you. YOU’D SHARE WITH THEM YOUR SANCTIFIED LIFE**

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<sup>1</sup> MATTHEW STORY – DOG IS GOD SPELLED BACKWARDS

# V. AND CHRIST---THE GOD HUMAN (NOT DOG HUMAN) DOES THE SAME WITH HIS SANCTIFIED LIFE

## 1 Corinthians 1:30 (KJV)

<sup>30</sup> But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, **who of God is made unto us** wisdom, and righteousness, and **sanctification**, and redemption:

CHRIST SHARES HIS DIVINIZED  
HUMAN NATURE.

HIS HUMAN NATURE MADE  
DIVINE.

HIS PURIFIED HUMAN NATURE.

HIS SANCTIFIED HUMAN NATURE.

**Example: Can you train a dog to say human words? But if our analogy ran true, you could gift it to!**

<sup>33</sup> Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

Acts 2:33

ye might be communioners of the divine nature

2 Peter 1:4



# VI. YOU'VE BEEN GIFTED TO SHARE IN CHRIST'S SANCTIFIED HUMAN NATURE

## Acts 2:38 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>38</sup> Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

### HERE'S WHAT YOU DO NOW:

#### 1. DEVELOP A HEALTHY CRAVING

##### 1 Peter 2:2 (NIV)

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,

#### 2. SEEK GROWTH

##### 2 Peter 3:18 (NIV)

<sup>18</sup> But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN THIS WAY?

WHO CARES?

GROW UP. GROW UP INTO CHRIST.

grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ (Ephesians 4)

**Grow Bodily**

### THE GREEK IS GROW UP!

# VII. SHARE IN CHRIST'S LIFE AND ACCEPT TESTING - REFINING

## Matthew 4 New International Version (NIV)

### Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

4 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

TEST RUN: TO BE EXPERIENCING REFINEMENT  
VOCAL WARM UPS

## 1 Peter 1:6-7 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup>In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup>These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

### Matthew 3:11

<sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I . . . (Jesus) He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and fire.

## 5. FEED ON JESUS

### Acts 2

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

**Let's feed on Jesus Now!**

LET'S PRAY