



“Sanctification is the slow process of change whereby God transforms our hearts back into His image and likeness. Sanctification is God’s method to make us holy. God’s Spirit works graciously, progressively and relentlessly in us so that we gradually advance in holiness until we are rendered perfect at death.” Taken from *Idols of the Heart* by Elyse Fitzpatrick

Romans 5:1-5 Amplified Bible (AMP)

Therefore, since we are justified (acquitted, declared righteous, and given a right standing with God) through faith, let us [grasp the fact that we] have [the peace of reconciliation to hold and to enjoy] peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

Through Him also we have [our] access (entrance, introduction) by faith into this grace (state of God’s favor) in which we [firmly and safely] stand. And let us rejoice *and* exult in our hope of experiencing *and* enjoying the glory of God.

Moreover [let us also be full of joy now!] let us exult *and* triumph in our troubles *and* rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that pressure *and* affliction *and* hardship produce patient *and* unswerving endurance.

And endurance (fortitude) develops maturity of character (approved faith and tried integrity). And character [of this sort] produces [the habit of] joyful and confident hope of eternal salvation.

Such hope never disappoints *or* deludes *or* shames us, for God’s love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us.