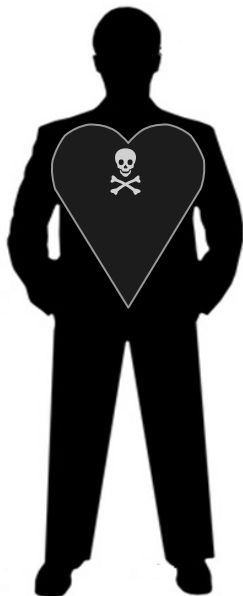


Message Four: **SANCTIFICATION** *Pastor Mike Chapman*

Today, we come to look at a very special word **SANCTIFICATION**. It is the work of God's grace that addresses the moral depravity (sinful nature) that we inherited from Adam. Sanctification can be defined as...

The work of God's grace by which believers are made able to die more and more to sin and live an increasingly godly life. Through sanctification, a believer is made free from the bondage of sin, is enabled to live in complete devotion to Christ, and is empowered by the Holy Spirit to be holy. There is a divinely produced character change, freeing us from sinful habits, and forming within us Christ-like affections, dispositions, and virtues.

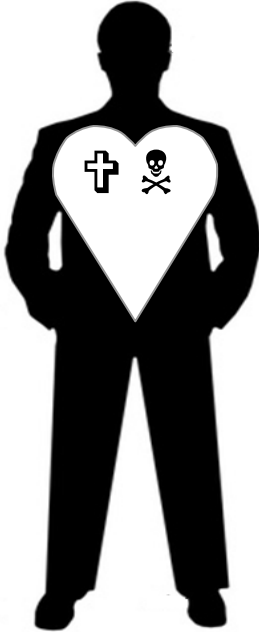
PRE-CHRISTIAN



Romans 7:5, 18, 25, *We were controlled by the sinful nature...Nothing good lives in my sinful nature. I desire to do what is good but I cannot carry it out...In my sinful nature, I am a slave to sin.*

Ephesians 2:1-3, *You were dead in your sins...You followed the ways of the world...gratifying the cravings of your sinful nature.*

REGENERATION



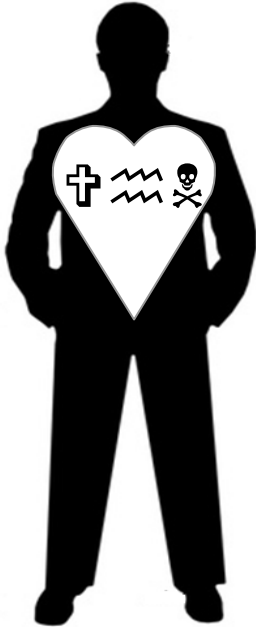
Ephesians 2:4, 5, God has made us alive with Christ.

1 Peter 1:3, 23, Praise be to God. In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope...For you have been born again through the living and enduring word of God.

Romans 8:10, If Christ is in you, your spirit is alive.

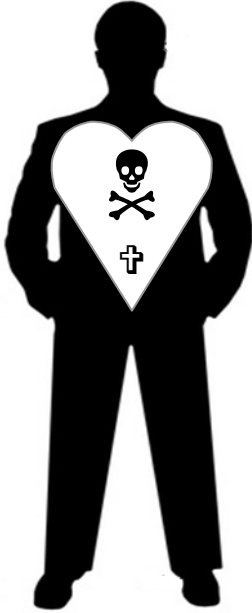
Colossians 2:13, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave all your sins.

SPIRITUAL STRUGGLE



Galatians 5:17, For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other.

Romans 7:21, 23, When I want to do good evil is right there with me...I see another law within me, waging war against my mind, making me a prisoner to the law of sin.

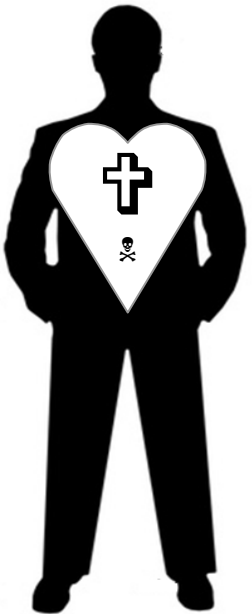


DEFEATED CHRISTIAN

Romans 7:14-20, *Sin is my master...I really want do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead I do the very thing I hate...It is sin inside me that makes me do these evil things...The sin within me is doing it.*

1 Corinthians 3:1, *But I, brethren, could not address you as spiritual men, but as men of the flesh.*

Romans 7:24, *What a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life dominated by sin?*



SANCTIFICATION - VICTORIOUS

Romans 7:25, *Thanks God! The answer is in Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

Romans 6:6, *Our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so sin might loose its power in our lives. We are no longer to be slaves to sin.*

Galatians 5:16, *Live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.*

1 Thessalonians 4:3, *It is God's will for you to be sanctified.*

1 Thessalonians 5:23, *May the God of peace sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit, soul, and body be preserved complete, without blame, at the coming of our Lord.*