

# We Believe

*The Foundations of our Faith*



EVERY NATION  
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## **WE BELIEVE**

Mission brings us together.

Relationship keeps us together.

Theology strengthens us together.

## The WE BELIEVE Journey

- Doctrine of Jesus
- Doctrine of Creation and Fall
- Doctrine of Scripture
- Doctrine of Salvation
- **Doctrine of Sanctification**
- Doctrine of Church
- Doctrine of Holy Spirit
- Doctrine of the Second Coming



# The Doctrine Of Sanctification

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## 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

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<sup>24</sup> **He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.**



## **Sanctification:**

*hagios* = “holy” or “set apart”

*hagiasmós* = “the process of being made holy” or  
“being set apart for God”





## Every Nation Statement of Faith:

We believe that sanctification is **the process, beginning at regeneration**, whereby **God conforms** His people to the image of Christ through His Word and Spirit. **By grace**, Christians grow in holiness and love for God and others **throughout their lives** as they submit to Jesus, **obey God's Word, and walk by the Spirit** in fellowship **with other disciples.**



# #1

**It is a lifelong process,  
not a one-time event.**



## Romans 6:19

...for just as **you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness**, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness **leading to sanctification**.



## 2 Corinthians 3:18

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed into the same image** from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

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# #2

**It is a cooperative  
response, not a  
striving endeavor.**



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## Philippians 2:12-13

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,

<sup>13</sup> **for it is God who works in you**, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.





# #3

**It is a community journey,  
not a solo act.**



## 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

<sup>12</sup> and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love **for one another and for all**, as we do for you,<sup>13</sup> so that **he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness** before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**CAR DEALER**

A photograph of a modern, single-story car dealership building. The building features a prominent sign that reads "CAR DEALER" in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. The structure is characterized by large glass windows and a flat roof. The building is situated on a paved lot with some sparse vegetation. The image is framed by a green-to-yellow gradient background.



# #4

**It is a disciplined growth,  
not a matter of chance.**



## 1 Timothy 4:7-8

<sup>7</sup> Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths.

**Rather train yourself for godliness;** <sup>8</sup> for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as **it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.**





**John Stott:**


**“A Christian should not be like a Christmas tree, decorated outwardly with religious ornaments, but unchanged at the core. Instead, a Christian should be like a fruit tree, bearing real, visible fruit that comes from inner life.”**



## John 15:4-5

<sup>4</sup> **Abide in me**, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. **Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit**, for apart from me you can do nothing.





**How should we respond  
to God today?**