

How Do We Really Grow in Our Faith?

Progressive Sanctification:

Definition: “The continued transformation of moral and spiritual character so that the life of the believer actually comes to mirror the standing which he or she already has in God’s sight”

4 Key Characteristics of the Bible

1. **Inspired** (2 Tim. 3:16-17, 2 Peter. 1:20-21)
2. **Sufficient** (Eph. 3:3, Mt. 4:4, 2 Pet. 1:3)
3. **Inerrant** (Jn. 10:35, Lk. 16:17)
4. **Authoritative** (Mt. 28:18-20, Titus 2:15)

The Process of Sanctification

1. **The Role of the Spirit** – Rom. 8:1-16 (c.f. Rom. 6:1-14, 2 Thess. 2:13)
2. **The Role of the Word** – 2 Tim. 3:16-17 (c.f. John 17:17, 2 Cor. 3:18)
3. **The Role of the saint** – Phil 2:12-13 (1 Pet. 1:13-16, 1 Cor. 9:24-27)

Verses for further study on suffering:

- 1 Pet. 1:1-9, 2:21-25, 3:12-19
- 2 Cor. 4:7-18
- Rom. 8:18-39
- The book of Job
- Heb. 4:14-16
- Rev. 21:1-7