

Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; Hebrews 9:13-14

The Struggle Between Do-It-Yourself Moralism and Cooperating with the Spirit's Renovation

- The Spirit's renovating work is known as _____.
- Moralism is a _____.
- The Spirit's renovation is a _____ transformation (2 Cor. 4:16-18; Rom. 8:18ff; Matt. 5:21-28; Gal. 5:16; Phil. 2:12-13).

We Share in God's Moral Character

- The _____ of God's image in us (Rom. 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18; 2 Peter 1:3-4).

The Spirit's Most Powerful Work

- The Spirit's renovating work is _____ (Jer. 13:23; John 3:19).
- The Spirit's renovating work is directly connected to the _____ (Eph. 1:18-20; 2:1, 6).
- The Spirit's renovating work is realized as we _____ (Heb. 9:13-14; John 16:13; Rom. 5:5).

Life Enrichment

What about today's sermon challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

Your Story – What is the biggest home renovation project you've taken on without professional help?

- When you hear the term “holiness” what comes to mind? Why do you think “holiness” became associated with legalism and moralism?
- Why is moralism an inadequate solution for personal transformation?
- How does the Spirit affect transformation in us? How does He bring us from outward compliance with God's laws to inner desire to follow God's laws?
- What do you think it means to participate in the divine nature (2 Peter 1:3-4)? How is the divine nature linked to our moral transformation?
- Why do you think we sometimes fail to sanctification as the Spirit's most powerful work? How can we change this perception?
- Why does it take resurrection power to change the human heart?
- What is our role in making sure the Spirit's renovating work succeeds?