

Ephesians Series

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EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Grace and Peace
Ephesians 1:1b–2

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θέλημα *thelēma*
gen neut sing
“will, desire”
by the decision of
God

**Gal. 1:1, “Paul, an apostle (not from men
nor through man, but through Jesus Christ
and God the Father who raised Him from
the dead),”**

Rom. 1:1, “Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God”

1 Tim. 1:1, “Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope,”

1 Tim. 2:7, “for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle—I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.”

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- 1 a person acknowledged as holy or virtuous and regarded in Christian faith as being in heaven after death.**
- ▶ a person of exalted virtue who is canonized by the Church after death and who may be the object of veneration and prayers for intercession**

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Merriam Webster

1: one officially recognized especially through canonization as preeminent for holiness

2 a: one of the spirits of the departed in heaven

b: angel 1a

3 a: one of God’s chosen and usually Christian people

b capitalized: a member of any of various Christian bodies specifically: latter-day saint

4: one eminent for piety or virtue

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ἅγιος *hagios* dat masc plur

BDAG: pertinent to being dedicated or consecrated to the service of God; a sanctified person, someone set aside for a divine purpose

1 Cor. 1:2, “To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, “called saints”, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:”

ἁγιάζω *hagiazō*
perf pass part
masc plur dat
to sanctify; to set
apart to the
service of God

Rom. 1:7, “To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called *to be saints*:”

THREE STAGES OF SALVATION

**PHASE
ONE**

Justification

**Positional
Sanctification**

**Saved from the
Penalty of Sin**

**PHASE
Two**

**Spiritual
Life**

**Progressive
Sanctification**

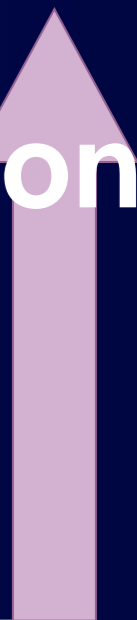
**Saved from the
Power of Sin**

**PHASE
THREE**

Glorification

**Ultimate
Sanctification**

**Saved from the
Presence of Sin**



Experiential Holiness

Rom. 12:1, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.”

Eph. 1:4, “just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,”

Col. 1:22, “in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—”

Experiential Holiness

1 Pet. 1:15, “but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,

1 Pet. 1:16, “because it is written, ‘Be holy, for I am holy.’ ”

**ETERNAL
REALITIES**

**TEMPORAL
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ACTS 16:31

IN CHRIST

**Baptism by the
Holy Spirit**

RECONCILED

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NEW CREATION

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FREED

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**“Walking by the
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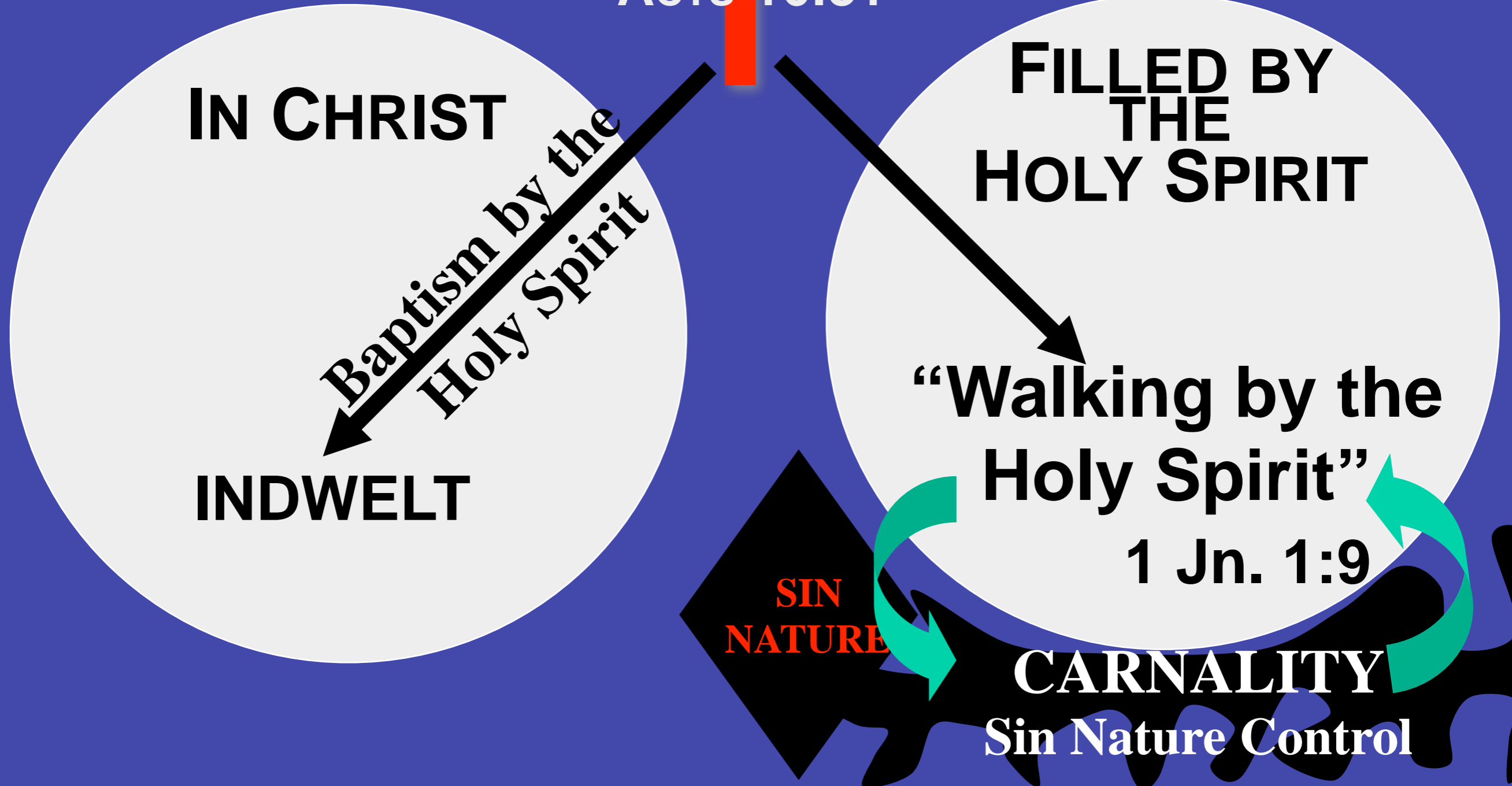
“Walking by the Holy Spirit”

1 Jn. 1:9

SIN NATURE

CARNALITY

Sin Nature Control



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dat masc plur
(verbal)
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believer,
reliable,
trustworthy**

2 Cor. 6:15, “And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?”

Acts 10:45, “And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.”

Gal. 3:9, “So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.”

Eph. 1:1, “... to the saints who are in Ephesus, that is [namely], believers in Christ Jesus:”

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Eph. 1:1, “... to the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus:”

**to the saints [in Christ Jesus]
and
believers [in Christ Jesus]**

In this view both phrases are taken as related to being positionally in Christ.

Support: Col. 1:1

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In this view “in Christ” is the object of their belief.

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God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”**

Eph. 2:8, “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

Eph. 2:9, “not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

Eph. 2:14, “For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

Eph. 2:15, “having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,”

Rom. 15:13, “Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”