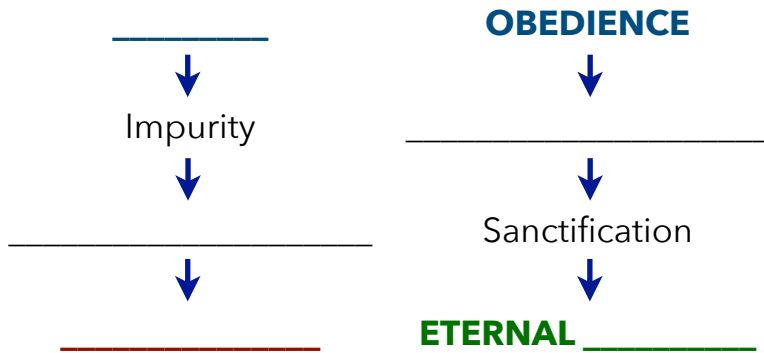


**“Salvation.”** What a special word! God’s answer to our biggest problem. **Romans 6:16** has summarized for us:

Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of...



Eternal life is the goal, but what ought to be happening between now and then? Let’s pay very close attention to **Romans 12:1-2**:

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, to present your \_\_\_\_\_ as a living sacrifice, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be \_\_\_\_\_ to this world, but be \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.



**Salvation** involves **transformation**.

**For Class & Family Discussion:**

- We’ll never understand what good news salvation is until we realize what impurity and lawlessness really do to us. **Romans 6:21** told us, “The end of those things is death.” What is this “death”?
- Why doesn’t God just take the people who are willing to obey him and immediately give them “eternal life”? Why leave us on earth, sometimes for a really long time?
- In your own words, what does it mean to present yourself to God as “a living sacrifice”?
- How does someone your age come to be “conformed” to this world? What does it look like? Why is it dangerous?
- The Holy Spirit connects transformation to “the renewal” of our minds in **Romans 12:2**. Why do our minds need to be “renewed”? How does it happen?
- When does God’s work of transformation in our lives end? **Philippians 3:12-16** might be helpful here...