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1 John 5:1-5

What does it take to win at the Christian Life?

Regeneration

Conversion

Sanctification

John 3:3 ESV

3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Regeneration is a secret act of God in which he imparts new spiritual life to us. This is sometimes called "being born again"

Ezekiel 36:26-27 ESV

26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

James 1:18 NLT

18 He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.

Acts 16:14 ESV

14 One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.

Conversion is our willing response to the gospel call, in which we sincerely repent of sins and place our trust in Christ for salvation.

James 2:19 ESV

19 You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!

Acts 26:27 ESV

27 King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe."

John 1:12 ESV

12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

The more we know of God, the more unreservedly we will trust him; the greater our progress in theology, the simpler and more childlike will be our faith.

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Sanctification is a progressive work of God and man that makes us more and more free from sin and like Christ in our actual lives.

2 Corinthians 3:18 ESV

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.

Ecclesiastes 7:20 ESV

20 Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.

Philippians 3:21 NLT

21 He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.