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The Question of a Lifetime



For what **greater horror** could there be than to **die in expectation of glory**, only to find at the end that you have been **cast out**?

This presentation addresses the most critical question: How do I know I am going to heaven? The Bible provides a non-negotiable requirement:

! **“Pursue holiness without which no one will see the Lord.”**

The Four Stages of Construction



01. The Divine
Foundation



02. The Active
Construction



03. The Structural
Tensions



04. The Final
Inspection



01. The Divine Foundation

You cannot build what you were not given.

Holiness is More Than Morality

“Good Things”



- Obeying parents



- Protecting life



- Speaking the truth



- Being faithful

True Holiness

The pursuit of holiness is different. It isn't just applying “biblical principles” to an unchanged life. It's something birthed supernaturally in us, dependent on new life in Christ.

No Fruit Without a Root

“The fruit of the Spirit... does not grow in the soil of the flesh.”



True holiness is the result of a supernatural change. It begins with a new heart, new desires, and a new power source found only in Christ.

God's Action, Our Response

INDICATIVE

You have been united with Christ in His death and **resurrection**.

You are **reckoned** to be dead indeed to sin, but **alive** to God in **Christ Jesus our Lord**.



THEREFORE

IMPERATIVE

...do not let sin reign in your mortal body... but **present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead**.

02. The Active Construction

The Spirit's power is a call to hope, not passivity.



The Dual Nature of Holiness



Positional Holiness (Set Apart)

At conversion, God makes you holy. You are **declared** a “**saint**.” Like special china **set apart** for a specific purpose, you have been **bought** with a price and now belong to Him. This is a **definitive act** of God.



Practical Holiness (Set in Motion)

This definitive act begins a **lifelong pursuit**. It is a **lifelong pursuit**. It is a “**conscious and continual labor**,” **empowered** by the Spirit, to become in **practice** what you already are in **position**.

The Work of a Lifetime

“Our chief aim must be conformity to the image of Christ... It is to separate ourselves from all that is opposed to Him. It is to mortify the flesh with its affections and lusts... It is a life task from which there is no discharge while we remain in the body.”

– A.W. Pink

The work involves two simultaneous actions: putting to death everything that is not like Christ, and actively pursuing everything that is.

03. The Structural Tensions

Navigating the inevitable stresses in the blueprint.

Peace and Holiness are Not Opposed

**Pursue Peace
With All Men**



**Pursue
Holiness**

“It is not needful to be savage in order to be sanctified. A bitter spirit is a poor companion for a renewed heart... Follow peace but not at the expense of holiness. Follow holiness but not needlessly endanger peace.”

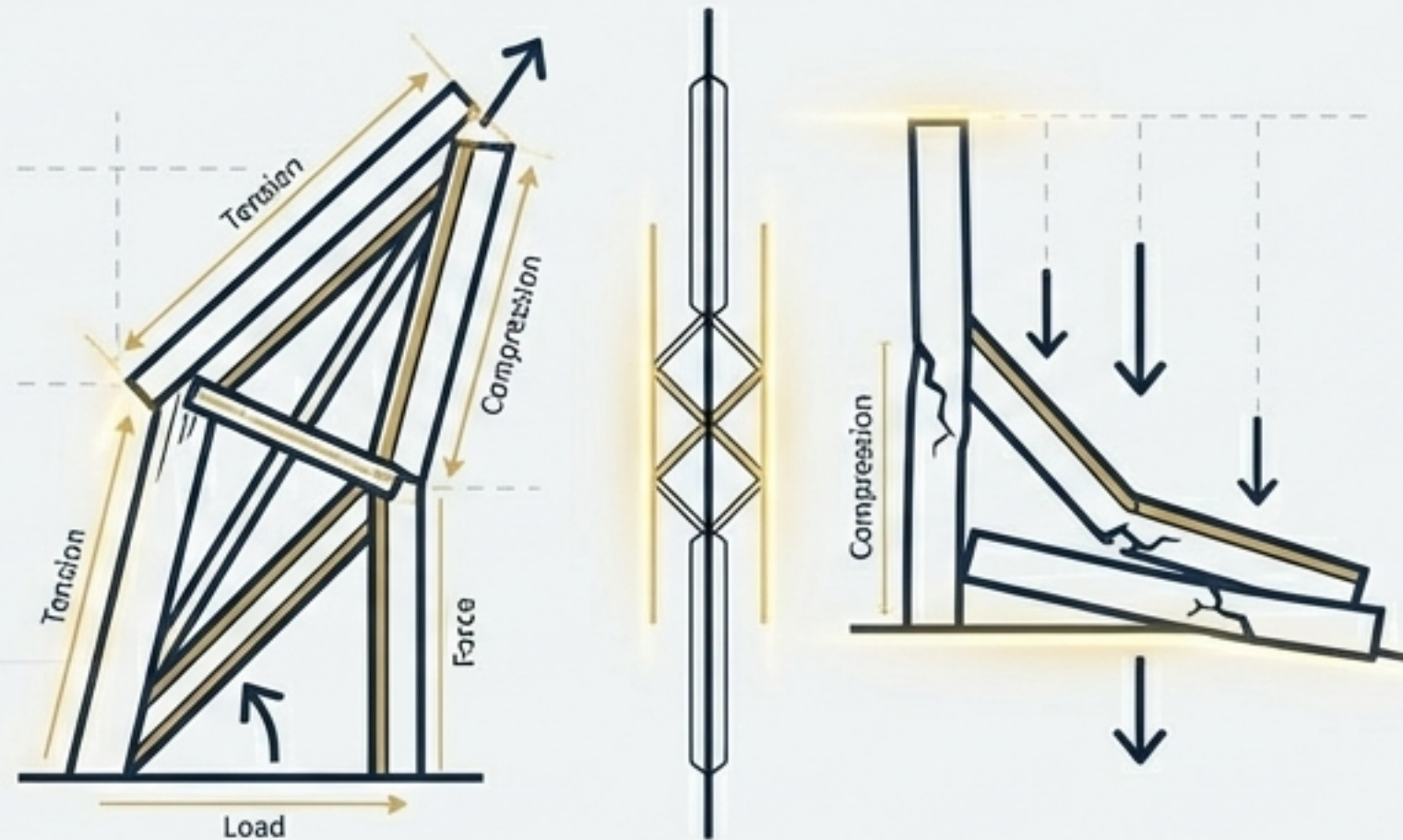
– Charles Spurgeon

The Difference Between a Struggle and a Surrender

The question is not “Do you sin?”
but “Are you at peace with your sin?”

Remaining Sin

The normal struggle of a believer. You are in the fight, confessing sin and striving to forsake it. This conflict is evidence of new life.



Reigning Sin

A state of peace with sin. You excuse it, pursue it, and are not engaged in a struggle against it. This is a sign that should cause deep concern.

As believers, we are simultaneously just and sinners.
The struggle is expected.

04. The Final Inspection



**...without which no one will
see the Lord.**

The Unavoidable Question: What Are You Pursuing?

Are you *pursuing* sin or *pursuing* holiness?

Are you at ease with the very things that cost your Savior His life?

Are forbidden things a casual part of your life? Are commanded things left undone?

Why do you call Him “Lord, Lord,” and not do what He says?

A house built on hearing alone is a house built on sand. “When the rain will come and the wind will blow... great will be its fall.”

The Prayer for the Journey

The prayer that I have prayed more than
any other prayer in my life:

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.