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# Hebrews 12:14

## **Section Five: 11:1–13:25**

**Instruction: 11:1–40**

**Practical Challenge: Focus on Christ 12:1–29**

**12:1–2 Christ set the example of endurance.**

**12:3–11 The believer endures training in order to be a useful, mature believer.**

**12:12–17 Conclusion: We must become strong spiritually to enjoy the blessings of a full reward in heaven.**

**12:18–29 Explains how this flows from the superior new covenant.**

**Warning: 12:25–29**

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ἀνορθόω *anorthoo*

*Aorist active imperative*

*Priority command*

“to restore to straightness or erectness, to build something up again after it has fallen, rebuild, restore, to become erect from a bent position, straighten up”

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ὀρθὰς ποιεῖτε *orthos poiete*

*Present active imperative*

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“to make something straight”

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**διώκω (*dioko*) –**

***Present active imperative 2PL: make it a habit***

***“to move rapidly and decisively toward an objective—hasten, run, press forward”***

***“pursue, strive for, seek after, aspire to something”***

**Heb. 12:14, “Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:”**

**1 Thessalonians 5:15, “See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always **seek** after that which is good for one another and for all *people*.”**

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**ἁγιασμός (*hagiasmos*) –**

**“holiness, consecration, sanctification”**

**Phase 2 sanctification—living the Christian way of life**

# THREE STAGES OF SALVATION

**PHASE  
ONE**

**Justification**



**PHASE  
TWO**

**Spiritual  
Life**

**PHASE  
THREE**

**Glorification**



**Positional  
Sanctification**

**Freed from  
Penalty of Sin**

**Progressive  
Sanctification**

**Freed from  
Power of Sin**

**Ultimate  
Sanctification**

**Freed from  
Presence of Sin**

# 1. God is identified as the God of peace numerous times in Scripture.

Judg. 6:24, “So Gideon built an altar there to the LORD, and called it The–LORD–Is–Peace [יְהוָה שָׁלוֹם *YHWH shalom*]. To this day it *is* still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.”

Rom. 15:33, “Now the God of peace *be* with you all. Amen.”

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**2 Cor. 13:11, “Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.”**

**Phil. 4:9, “The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.”**

# **1. God is identified as the God of peace numerous times in Scripture.**

**Heb. 13:20, “Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,”**

**1 Thess. 5:23, “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely;”**

## **2. The God of peace is the One who blesses those who follow Him with peace.**

**Psa. 29:11, “The LORD will give strength to His people; the LORD will bless His people with peace.”**

**Lev. 26:6, “I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none will make *you* afraid; I will rid the land of evil beasts, and the sword will not go through your land.”**

## **2. The God of peace is the one who blesses those who follow Him with peace.**

**Psa. 119:165, “Great peace have those who love Your law, and nothing causes them to stumble.”**

**Prov. 16:7, “When a man’s ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.”**

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**Gal. 6:16, “And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them...”**

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**Psa. 34:14, “Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.”**

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**Rom. 14:19, “Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.”**

**1 Cor. 7:15, “... But God has called us to peace.”**

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**2 Cor. 13:11, “...Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.”**

**Col. 3:15, “And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.”**

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**1 Thess. 5:13, “... Be at peace among yourselves.”**

## **4. God describes His New Covenant as a covenant of peace.**

**Isa. 54:10, “ ‘For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace be removed,’ says the LORD, who has mercy on you.”**

**Ezek. 34:25, “I will make a covenant of peace with them, and cause wild beasts to cease from the land; and they will dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods.”**

## **4. God describes His New Covenant as a covenant of peace.**

**Ezek. 37:26, “Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore.”**

## **5. Peace, *shalom* in the Heb and *eirene* in the Greek, are forms of greeting in Scripture.**

**Judg. 6:23, “Then the LORD said to him, ‘Peace be with you; do not fear, you shall not die.’ ”**

**1 Sam. 16:5, “And he said, ‘Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.’ Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.”**

**5. Peace, *shalom* in the Heb and *eirene* in the Greek, are forms of greeting in Scripture.**

**Luke 24:36, “Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, ‘Peace to you.’ ”**

## **6. Peace with God is the foundational message of the gospel.**

**Luke 2:14, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”**

**7. The only basis for understanding how to achieve this is to examine the dynamics of the most extreme conflict in history: the rebellion of man the creature against God.**

**Rom. 5:1, “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**Rom. 5:2, “through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”**

**7. The only basis for understanding how to achieve this is to examine the dynamics of the most extreme conflict in history: the rebellion of man the creature against God.**

**Col. 1:19, “For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell,**

**Col. 1:20, “and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.”**

**7. The only basis for understanding how to achieve this is to examine the dynamics of the most extreme conflict in history: the rebellion of man the creature against God.**

**Col. 1:21, “And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled**

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

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**Col. 1:14, “in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”**

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**Col. 2:13, “And you, [when you were] being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, [because He] forgave you all trespasses,**

**Col. 2:14, “[by wiping] out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.”**