

**Why Settle for**  
**Holy Smoke and**  
**Mirrors?**

**1 Corinthians 3:1-15**

## Here's the Deal

- In the world of our salvation you will not find boredom nor inadequate grace.
- You will find Adventure, Battles and Rescue

## Key Points of the Scripture

- It is entirely possible to be spiritual of heart and earthbound in mind. Frustration!
  - Evidence in preferring milk to meat.
  - Evidence in jealousy and quarreling.
  - Evidence in preferring to judge rather than to understand.
- The expert builder lays a careful foundation:

**Jesus Christ**

# Build Carefully

- Everyone builds on their foundation – The Truth that Jesus Christ is enough. We need no other revelations or truths. ALL these are SUBJECT to the Christ.
  - Materials List: **Gold**, Silver, **Costly Stones**,  
**Wood, Hay, Straw**
  - Building Test: Life, Storms, Heat, Use, Accidents
- We will receive either a Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval from the Lord OR Smell Like Smoke When We Enter!

- **X. *Christian Holiness and Entire Sanctification***<sup>4</sup>
- **13. We believe that sanctification is *the work of God which transforms believers into the likeness of Christ. It is wrought by God's grace through the Holy Spirit in initial sanctification, or regeneration, entire sanctification, and the continued perfecting work of the Holy Spirit culminating in glorification. In glorification we are fully conformed to the image of the Son.***

- ***X. We believe that entire sanctification is that act of God, subsequent to regeneration, by which believers are made free from original sin, or depravity, and brought into a state of entire devotement to God, and the holy obedience of love made perfect.***
- **It is wrought by the baptism with *or infilling of* the Holy Spirit, and comprehends in one experience the cleansing of the heart from sin and the abiding, indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, empowering the believer for life and service.**

- X. Entire sanctification is provided by the blood of Jesus, is wrought instantaneously by *grace through* faith, preceded by entire consecration; and to this work and state of grace the Holy Spirit bears witness.
- This experience is also known by various terms representing its different phases, such as “Christian perfection,” “perfect love,” “heart purity,” “the baptism with *or infilling* of the Holy Spirit,” “the fullness of the blessing,” and “Christian holiness.”

**14. We believe that there is a marked distinction between a pure heart and a mature character. The former is obtained in an instant, the result of entire sanctification; the latter is the result of growth in grace.**

**We believe that the grace of entire sanctification includes the *divine* impulse to grow in grace *as a Christlike disciple*. However, this impulse must be consciously nurtured, and careful attention given to the requisites and processes of spiritual development and improvement in Christlikeness of character and personality. Without such purposeful endeavor, one's witness may be impaired and the grace itself frustrated and ultimately lost.**

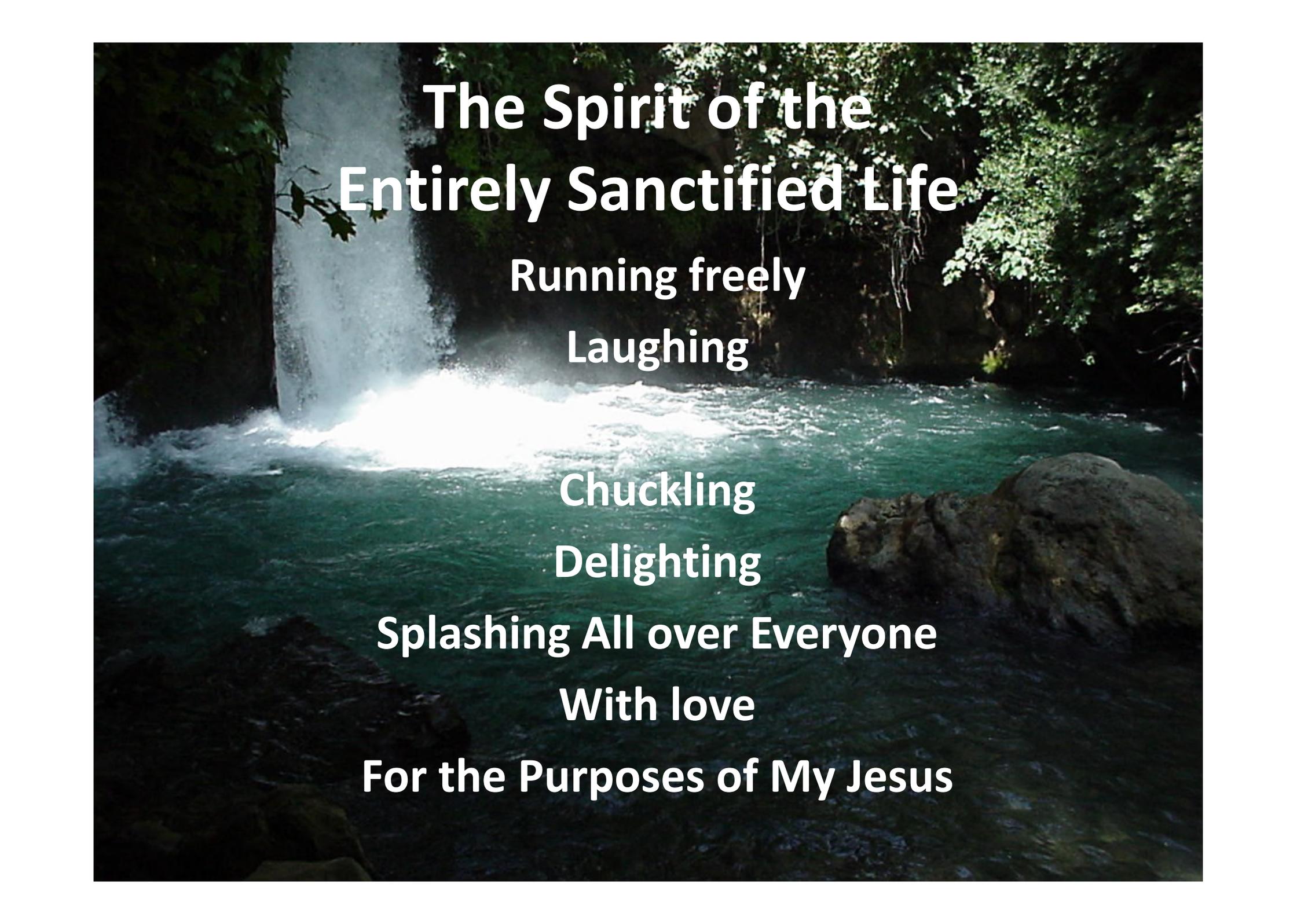
- *Participating in the means of grace, especially the fellowship, disciplines, and sacraments of the Church, believers grow in grace and in wholehearted love to God and neighbor.*

## Overview

- **The power of sanctification comes to life in the experience of being Born Again. It is the process of transforming into the likeness of Christ.**
  - **We learn to behave differently and find a new motive for life. But we still live looking for “Christ bargains”. BTS still taints our faith.**
- **Entire sanctification specifically breaks the power of this “sin motive”. Now we ask and long for him to anchor us in thought and attitude –we WANT to be a Servant in ALL we think, say and do.**
- **Pure Heart – comes in a moment of asking in faith.**
  - **Mature Heart – comes in a lifetime of serving.**

# Purity and Maturity

- This journey also requires, fighting battles, living adventurously, rescue missions.
- The radical difference is we live out of a “no bargain” clause.... and this is our power.
- Whether life or death, joy or tragedy, our marriages, our children, our possessions, our very life, ALL of it belongs to the Lord and he has every right and my permission to rearrange my life at anytime, in any way in order to fulfill his plan for its influence to his glory.

A photograph of a waterfall cascading into a pool of water in a lush forest. The water is white and frothy at the base of the waterfall, and the surrounding trees are green and dense. The text is overlaid on the image in white, bold font.

# **The Spirit of the Entirely Sanctified Life**

**Running freely**

**Laughing**

**Chuckling**

**Delighting**

**Splashing All over Everyone**

**With love**

**For the Purposes of My Jesus**