

Sanctification

Growing into Christ's Image
by the Spirit's Power



SANCTIFICATION HOLINESS

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Hebrews 12:14

Pursue peace with all *people*, and **holiness**, **without** which no one will see the Lord:

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TONIGHT'S SUBJECTS



- What is sanctification?
- What sanctification is not.
- The Process of Sanctification
- Positional Sanctification
- Progressive Sanctification.
- Where does the Bible talk about Sanctification?
- How are we Sanctified?
- Why we need Sanctification.
- What does sanctification look like?
- The purpose of Sanctification.
- Scriptures concerning Sanctification?
- WHO Sanctifies Us
- How Do we Respond

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WHAT IS SANCTIFICATION?

The word sanctification in biblical terms means- sanctification has much to do with our transformation into the image of Christ; the Greek word is hagiasmos; the process of making or becoming holy, set apart, sanctification, holiness, consecration.”

Sanctification is to be made Holy by the Lord.

Hebrew: Qadash (' – (קָדַשׁ) to set apart, consecrate' (Leviticus 20:7)

- Greek: Hagiasmos (ἁγιασμός) – 'holiness, sanctification' (1 Thessalonians 4:3)

1 Corinthians 1v30 30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—
31 that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.”



WHAT SANCTIFICATION IS NOT.

Sanctification is not a sinless state where we obtain perfection here on earth or a pronouncement from the church but a gift of God's grace at regeneration to start our walk in Christ and to become more like Him day by day until we are glorified at his appearing. The Holy Spirit transforms us at our conversion and continues to work in us to complete our sanctification during our lives. It is the work of God in us.

2 Thessalonians 2v13- But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

THE PROCESS OF SANCTIFICATION

YOU ARE ALREADY HOLY-SANCTIFIED- POSITIONAL SANCTIFICATION-1 CORINTHIANS 6:19

OR DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT YOUR BODY IS THE TEMPLE OF THE **HOLY** SPIRIT *WHO IS* IN YOU, WHOM YOU HAVE FROM GOD, AND YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN AND EPHESIANS 1:4

JUST AS HE CHOSE US IN HIM BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD, THAT WE SHOULD BE **HOLY** AND WITHOUT BLAME BEFORE HIM IN LOVE, 2 TIMOTHY 1:9

WHO HAS SAVED US AND CALLED *US* WITH A **HOLY** CALLING, NOT ACCORDING TO OUR WORKS, BUT ACCORDING TO HIS OWN PURPOSE AND GRACE WHICH WAS GIVEN TO US IN CHRIST JESUS BEFORE TIME BEGAN,

YOU ARE BEING MADE HOLY-SANCTIFIED- PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION ROMANS 12V1-I BESEECH YOU THEREFORE, BRETHREN, BY THE MERCIES OF GOD, THAT YOU PRESENT YOUR BODIES A LIVING SACRIFICE, **HOLY**, ACCEPTABLE TO GOD, *WHICH IS* YOUR REASONABLE SERVICE.

YOU WILL BE HOLY-SANCTIFIED- PERFECT (ULTIMATE) SANCTIFICATION 2 THESSALONIANS 1:12
THAT THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST MAY BE **GLORIFIED** IN YOU, AND YOU IN HIM, ACCORDING TO THE GRACE OF OUR GOD AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.



POSITIONAL SANCTIFICATION. THE LORD MAKES US HOLY

Positional Sanctification-Positional sanctification refers to the believer's status of being set apart for God, at the start of their salvation. This sanctification is not based on personal merit or works but is granted through faith in Jesus Christ. It is a one-time event that occurs when a person accepts Christ as their Savior, making them holy in God's sight.

1 Corinthians 1:2 (ESV)

"To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours."

Paul refers to believers as already **sanctified in Christ**, emphasizing their set-apart status.

Hebrews 10:10 (ESV)

"And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."
This verse confirms that sanctification is a completed act, accomplished **once for all** through Christ's sacrifice.

1 Corinthians 6:11 (ESV)

"And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."

Here, sanctification is described as a past event, occurring, at the moment they are regenerated salvation.

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PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION. WE WALK IN OUR HOLINESS

Progressive Sanctification- Romans 6, the passage with the most detail about definitive sanctification, teaches that Christians have been:

- 1.freed from the power of sin
- 2.enabled to live in newness of life under the reign of grace
- 3.unified with Christ in his resurrection
- 4.made new creatures

Romans 6v10- ¹⁰ For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Likewise you also, [c]reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as [d]instruments of unrighteousness to sin but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

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PERFECT SANCTIFICATION. WE ARE MADE PERFECTLY HOLY

Perfect (Ultimate) Sanctification-refers to the final and complete state of holiness and perfection that believers will attain when they are fully conformed to the image of Christ in eternity. It is the culmination of God's sanctifying work, occurring at the resurrection when Christians receive glorified bodies and are freed from sin entirely.

1. **freed from the presence of sin**
2. **enabled to be with Christ in heaven**
3. **unified with Christ in his glory**
4. **made perfect through glorification**

Hebrews 10:14

For by one offering He has **perfected** forever those who are being sanctified.

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WHERE DOES THE BIBLE TALK ABOUT SANCTIFICATION.

▶ 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4

For this is the will of God, your **sanctification**: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in **sanctification** and honor,

▶ 1 Corinthians 1:30

But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and **sanctification** and redemption—

▶ 1 Peter 1:2

elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in **sanctification** of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.



HOW ARE WE SANCTIFIED?

John 17:17 - Sanctified by Truth- The Word and the Blood Of Christ.

Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. ¹⁸ As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. ”

Ephesians 5:26

that He might **sanctify** and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Now may the God of peace Himself **sanctify** you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 13:12

Therefore, Jesus also, that He might **sanctify** the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.



WHY WE NEED SANCTIFICATION.

We need the power of Gods Spirit and His Word of Truth to sanctify us so that we can walk in victory over the world and its corruption, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.

1 John 2v15- Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Hebrews 12:14

Pursue peace with all *people*, and **holiness**, without which no one will see the Lord:



WHAT DOES SANCTIFICATION LOOK LIKE.

Romans 12v1 I beseech^[a] you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your ^[b]reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Ephesians 4:24

and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and **holiness**.

Romans 6:22

But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to **holiness**, and the end, everlasting life.



WHAT DOES SANCTIFICATION LOOK LIKE.

Sanctification means that we are:

- Living a life that is free from the corruption of the world.

1 John 2v15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

- Living a life free from the power of Sin.

Romans 6- What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

- The Power of the Flesh nature has been broken.

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SCRIPTURES CONCERNING SANCTIFICATION

Ephesians 4v22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

2 Corinthians 7:1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Romans 6:19

I speak in human *terms* because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members *as* slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness *leading to more* lawlessness, so now present your members *as slaves of* righteousness for **holiness.**



WHO SANCTIFIES US

God the Father Sanctifies Us

1 Thessalonians 5:23 – *"Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

- God is the ultimate source of sanctification, ensuring believers are made holy.

• **Jude 1:1** – *"To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ."*

- God the Father is actively involved in setting believers apart for Himself.

2. Jesus Christ Sanctifies Us

Hebrews 10:10 – *"By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."*

Jesus' sacrificial death is the foundation of our sanctification.

Hebrews 2:11 – *"For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren."*

Jesus is the one who sanctifies believers, making them holy.

3. The Holy Spirit Sanctifies Us

2 Thessalonians 2:13 – *"God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth."*

The Holy Spirit is the active agent in sanctifying believers.

• **Romans 15:16** – *"That the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit."*

The Holy Spirit purifies and sets believers apart for God's purposes.



HOW DO WE RESPOND

The Role of the Believer in Sanctification

- **John 17:17** – *"Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth."*
 - Believers are sanctified through God's Word and must engage in it for spiritual growth.
- **2 Corinthians 7:1** – *"Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."*
 - While God sanctifies, believers must actively pursue holiness.

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