

Sanctification

An Examination of How God Sets His
People Apart From the World (Pt. 3)

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The Process of Becoming "Set Apart"

Romans 12:1-2 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of **your mind**, so that you may **prove** what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Homework:

1. (Rom. 12:2) – Look up: "mind" and "prove"
2. Look up: sanctified, sanctify, sanctifies (emphasis?)

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Sanctification: Us or God?

Justification: **God only**

Sanctification (process): **God is essential and primary**

Unregenerate: Slaves to sin, unable to please God

Regenerate: No longer slaves to sin, able to please God

John 8:34-36 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **everyone who commits sin** is the slave of sin. 35 The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever. 36 So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

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Stages in the Ability of Man

1. Before the fall: Able to sin, able not to sin
2. After the fall: Unable not to sin
3. After regeneration: Able to sin, able not to sin
4. After glorification: Unable to sin

Glorified state: 1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, **we will be like Him**, because we will see Him just as He is.

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The Process of Becoming "Set Apart"

1. We must "think" differently – Rom. 12:2
2. We know God's work is "primary"

John 15:1-4 I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 **Abide** in Me, and I in you. **As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me.**

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What Christ Did for Our Sanctification

Ephesians 4:8-12 Therefore it says, "WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH, HE LED CAPTIVE A HOST OF CAPTIVES, **AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN.**" 9 (Now this expression, "He ascended," what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.) 11 And He gave some as **apostles**, and some as **prophets**, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ...

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God Received in Order to Give

Numbers 8:18-19 "But I have taken the Levites instead of every firstborn among the sons of Israel. 19 I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and to his sons from among the sons of Israel, to perform the service of the sons of Israel at the tent of meeting and to make atonement on behalf of the sons of Israel, so that there will be no plague among the sons of Israel by their coming near to the sanctuary."

Numbers 18:6 Behold, I Myself have taken your fellow Levites from among the sons of Israel; they are a gift to you, dedicated to the LORD, to perform the service for the tent of meeting.

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Christ Gives Men Who Give Us Scripture

Ephesians 4:11-14 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. 14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine,

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Gospel Centered Sanctification

Colossians 1:28 We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ.

Katangello = proclaim (the gospel)

Teleios = complete (mature in Eph. 4:13)

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