

Sanctification

An Examination of How God Sets His People Apart From the World

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What Is Sanctification?

Set apart: God is both ontologically and morally “different” than His creation.

HOLY

Belonging
To God

Profane

Belonging
To Fallen
Creation

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Complete Sanctification

1. Sanctified (once for all)
2. Currently being sanctified
3. Will be sanctified

*We cannot leave out any of the steps or we become unbiblical.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 NASB Now **may the God of peace Himself** sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame **at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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Chiasm of 1 Thess. 5:23

- A. **God of peace Himself**
- B. Sanctify you entirely
 - C. your spirit (immaterial portion)
 - D. your soul (entire person)
 - C. your body (material portion)
- B. Preserved completely
- A. Without blame at parousia of Jesus

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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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Focus in Sanctification: Us or God?

Sanctify:
John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

John 17:19 For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.

Eph. 5:26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word...

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Sanctify (continued):
Hebrews 9:13 For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled **sanctify** for the cleansing of the flesh...
Hebrews 13:12 Therefore Jesus also, that He might **sanctify** the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate.
1 Peter 3:15 but **sanctify** Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence...

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Sanctified:
Matt. 23:17 You fools and blind men! Which is more important, the gold or the temple that **sanctified** the gold?
John 10:36 ...do you say of Him, whom the Father **sanctified** and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?
John 17:19 For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be **sanctified** in truth.
Acts 20:32 And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are **sanctified**.

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Sanctified (continued):
Acts 26:18 ...to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been **sanctified** by faith in Me.
Romans 15:16 ...to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, ministering as a priest the gospel of God, so that my offering of the Gentiles may become acceptable, **sanctified** by the Holy Spirit.

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Sanctified (continued):
1 Cor. 1:2 To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been **sanctified** in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours:
1 Cor. 6:11 Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were **sanctified**, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.
1 Cor. 7:14 For the unbelieving husband is **sanctified** through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is **sanctified** through her believing husband; for otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy.

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Sanctified (continued):
1 Tim. 4:5 for it is **sanctified** by means of the word of God and prayer.
2 Tim. 2:21 Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, **sanctified**, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.
Heb. 2:11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are **sanctified** are all from one Father; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren...
Heb. 10:10 By this will we have been **sanctified** through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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Sanctified (continued):
Heb. 10:14 For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are **sanctified**.
Heb. 10:29 How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was **sanctified**, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?
Sanctifies:
Matt. 23:19 You blind men, which is more important, the offering, or the altar that **sanctifies** the offering?

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Sanctification:

Rom. 6:19 I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in **sanctification**.

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Sanctification (continued):

Rom 6:22 But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in **sanctification**, and the outcome, eternal life.

1 Cor. 1:30 But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and **sanctification**, and redemption...

1 Thess. 4:3-4 For this is the will of God, your **sanctification**; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in **sanctification** and honor...

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Sanctification (continued):

1 Thess. 4:7 For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in **sanctification**.

2 Thess. 2:13 But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through **sanctification** by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

Hebrews 12:14 Pursue peace with all men, and the **sanctification** without which no one will see the Lord.

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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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