

# Sanctification



- Review Biblical foundations
  - Schools of thought
    - Common and distinguishing principles
      - Review

# Sanctification

- to set apart FROM that which is common or unclean TO God and holiness.
- A related word is *consecrate*.
- The OT uses the word to describe primarily **things**.
- The NT uses the word to describe primarily **people**.



*Eph 2:1, 2*

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

*Eph 2:3*

Among them we too all formerly lived  
in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the  
desires of the flesh and of the mind,

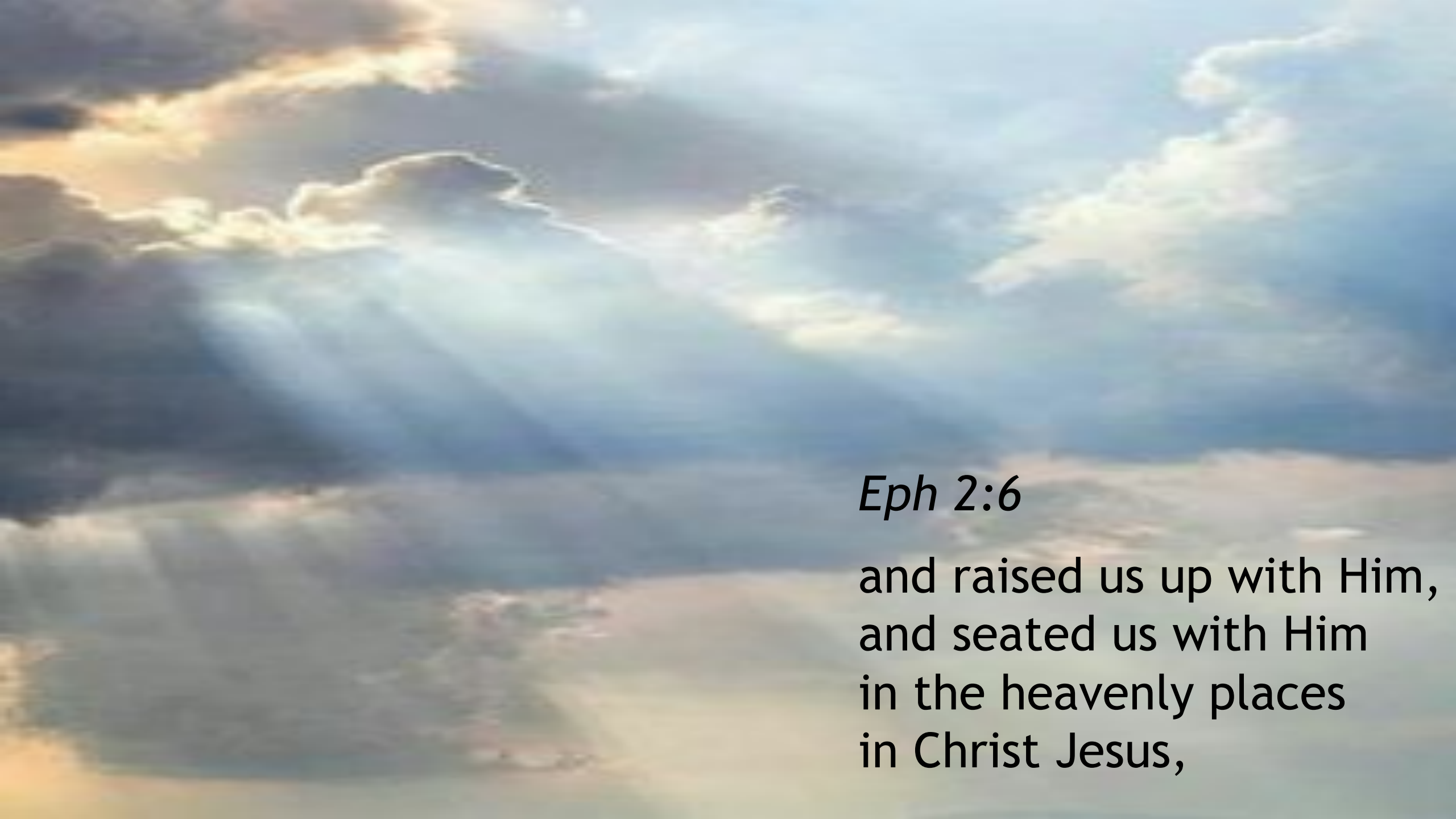
and were by nature children of wrath,  
even as the rest.





*Eph 2:4, 5*

But God, being rich in mercy,  
because of His great love with  
which He loved us, even when we  
were dead in our transgressions,  
made us alive together with Christ  
(by grace you have been saved),



*Eph 2:6*

and raised us up with Him,  
and seated us with Him  
in the heavenly places  
in Christ Jesus,




**Union with Christ**



*Hebrews 10:14*

For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.





[... you have come] to the  
general assembly and  
church of the firstborn who  
are enrolled in heaven, and  
to God the Judge of all,

and to the spirits of the  
righteous made perfect,  
- Heb 12:23

# Sanctification - 3 types

- **POSITIONAL** - *Past* tense;  
(*Eph 2:6*) a.k.a. Initial or Definitive Sanctification;  
saved from the **PENALTY** of sin.
- **PROGRESSIVE** - *Present* tense;  
(*Heb 10:14*) a.k.a. Practical Sanctification;  
saved from the **POWER** of sin.
- **PERFECT** - *Future* tense;  
(*Heb 12:23*) a.k.a. Perfected Sanctification or Glorification;  
saved from the **PRESENCE** of sin.

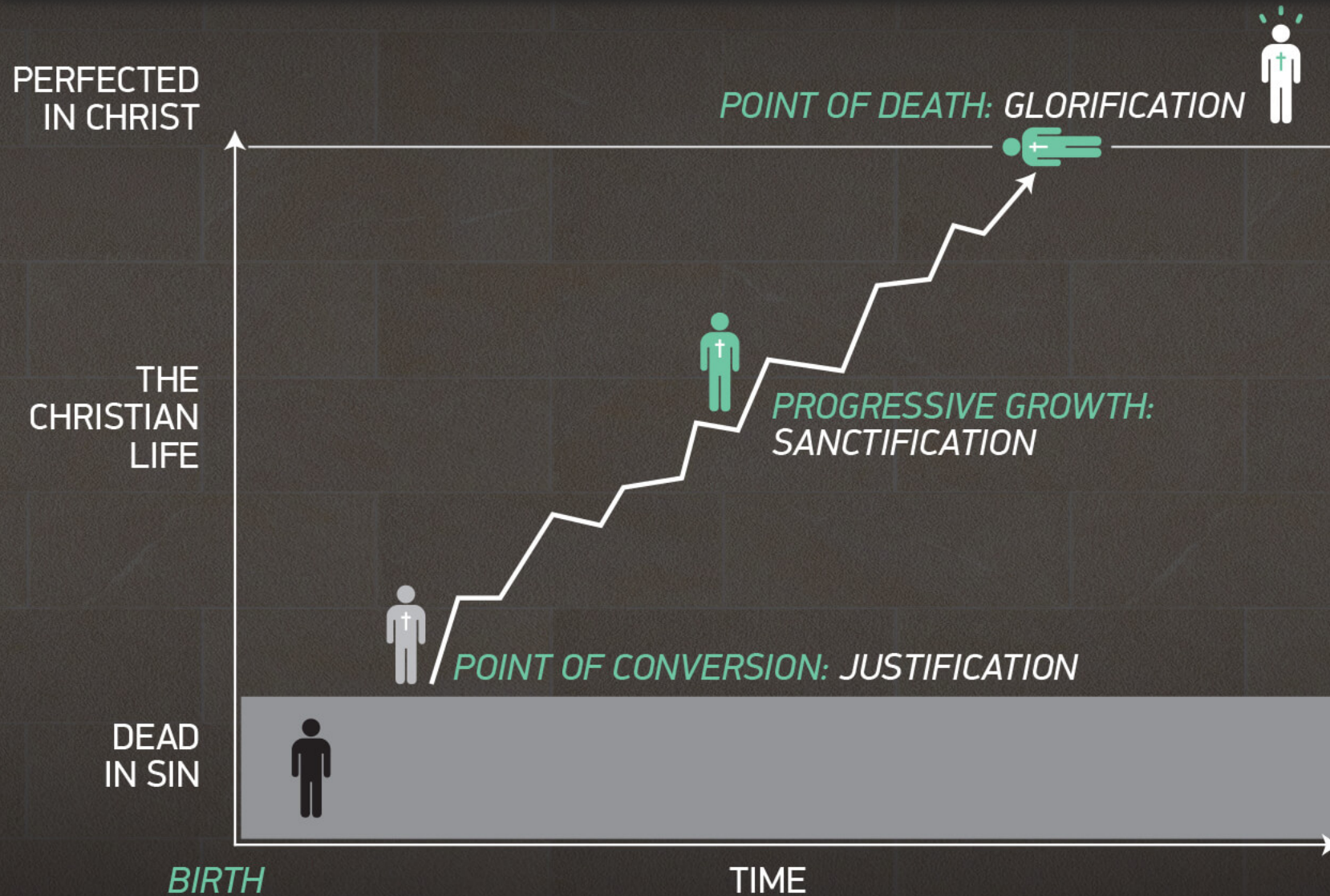
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- This class focuses on Progressive Sanctification which is the usual and more commonly understood meaning of sanctification.
- Sanctification is intimately connected to justification  
BUT  
is not the same as justification AND  
is distinct from justification.

**SALVATION**

Predestination / Election  
Effectual Calling  
Regeneration  
Conversion  
Justification  
Adoption  
Sanctification  
Perseverance  
Glorification

# Man's perspective of the stages of salvation



# JUSTIFICATION

## Monergistic

Justification is the work of the Godhead in which God declares the sinner righteous on the basis of faith alone in Christ alone.

The immediate and one-time result of regeneration and the believer's repentance and faith in Christ

It is wholly God's work of grace.

It involves the believer's position in Christ.

It is fully realized at the time of regeneration.

It concerns Christ's imputed righteousness to the believer.

It is by faith in Christ.

It is not a result of good deeds done in righteousness.

It is not a reward for deeds done to please God.

It is at the root of salvation.

# SANCTIFICATION

## Synergistic

Sanctification is the co-operative working of God the Holy Spirit and the believer resulting in the believer's progressively greater Christlikeness.

The ongoing continual lifetime striving of the believer against indwelling sin and to obey more fully God's Word.

It is God's grace working through the believer's obedience.

It involves the believer's practice in Christ.

It is fully realized at the time of death or rapture.

It concerns the believer's growing in righteousness.

It results in faithfulness to Christ.

It produces good deeds done in righteousness.

It will be rewarded for deeds done that please God.

It is the fruit of salvation.



### **Justification:**

Forensic  
Declaration of  
Righteousness  
which changes the  
believer's  
relationship to the  
law of sin and death

### **Definitive Sanctification:**

Righteousness is  
imputed unto us  
our sin is transferred  
to Him

### **Progressive Sanctification:**

Active process of  
obedient faith which  
the Holy Spirit works  
in us which transforms  
us over time which  
results in greater  
holiness

# 5 Views of Christian Sanctification





# Wesleyan View of Sanctification - 1700s



non-sanctified

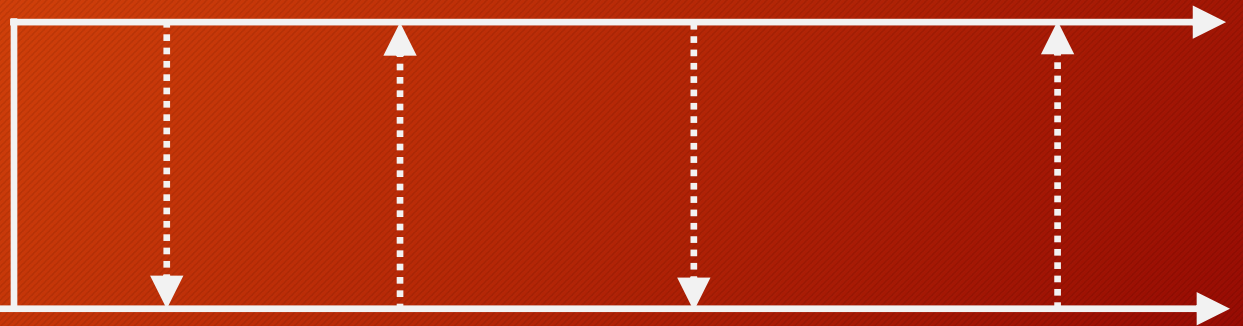
total surrender;  
sanctification  
begins

Christian perfection  
“no voluntary transgression of a known law”  
but with “involuntary transgressions”

entire sanctification;  
perfect love toward God and man

1<sup>st</sup> work of grace  
(Faith in Christ)

2<sup>nd</sup> work of grace  
(Faith in Holy Spirit)



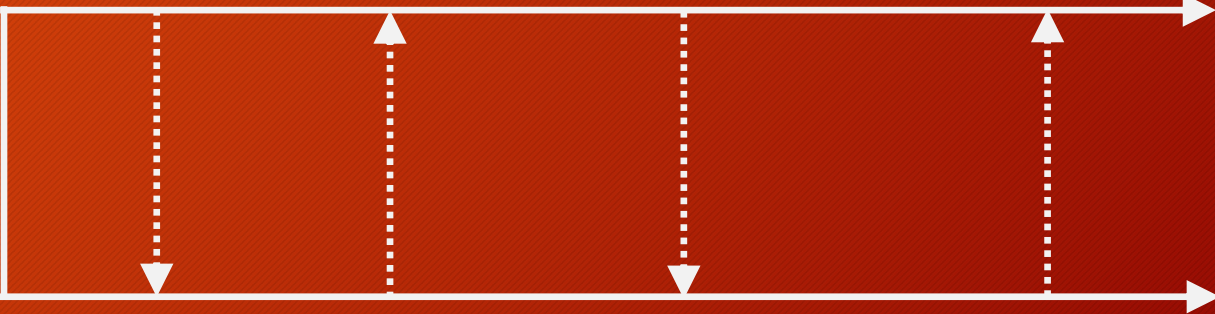
# Higher Life/Keswick View of Sanctification - 1800s



“Let Go  
and  
Let God”

higher life; the victorious Christian  
sustained victory over known sin  
inward rest and outward victory

defeated Christian life



Conversion  
("Accept" Christ)

Consecration  
(Total Surrender)

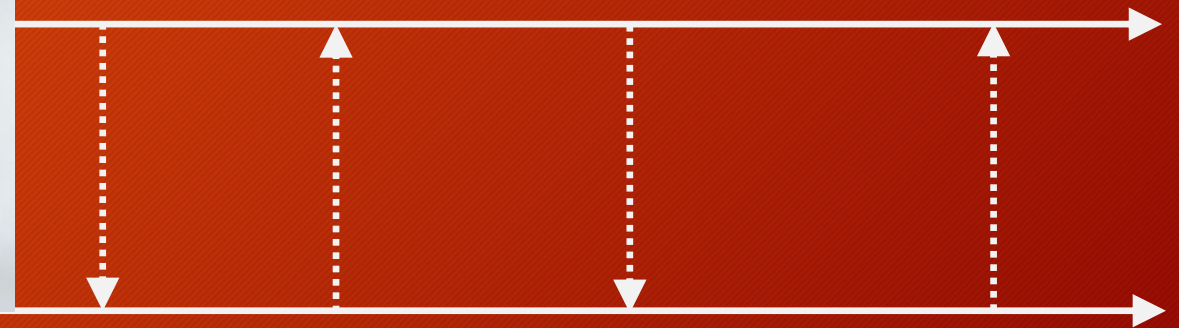
# Pentecostal View of Sanctification - 1900s



sanctification for holiness;  
victorious Christian life;

initial evidence: mono-syllabic babble;  
erroneously referred to as speaking in tongues

“entire sanctification”



1<sup>st</sup> work of grace  
(Faith in Christ)

2<sup>nd</sup> work of grace

# Carnal Christian View of Sanctification

C.I. Scofield - Scofield Reference Bible



Lewis Sperry Chafer - Co-Founder DTS



Bill Bright - Campus Crusade for Christ



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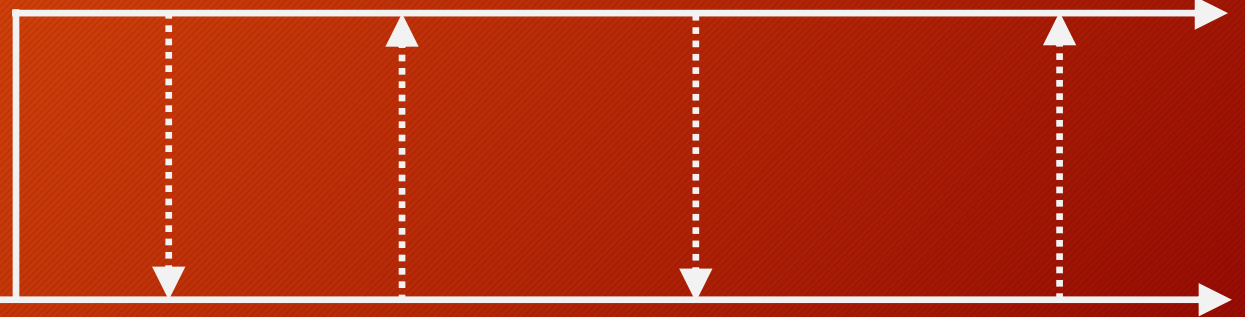
defeated Christian life

crisis:

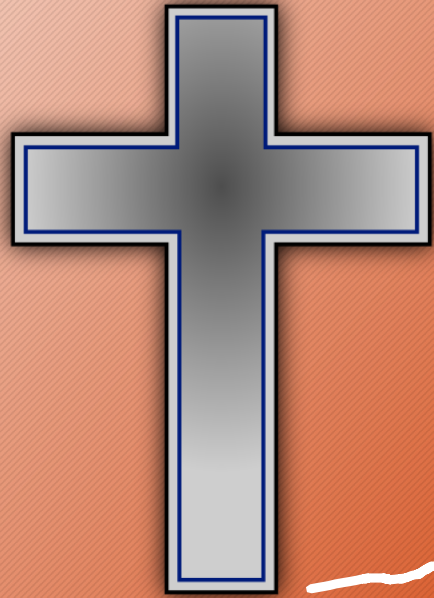
victorious Christian life;

1<sup>st</sup> work of grace  
Jesus as Savior

2<sup>nd</sup> work of grace  
Jesus as Lord



# Reformed View of Sanctification



growth in holiness through spiritual disciplines

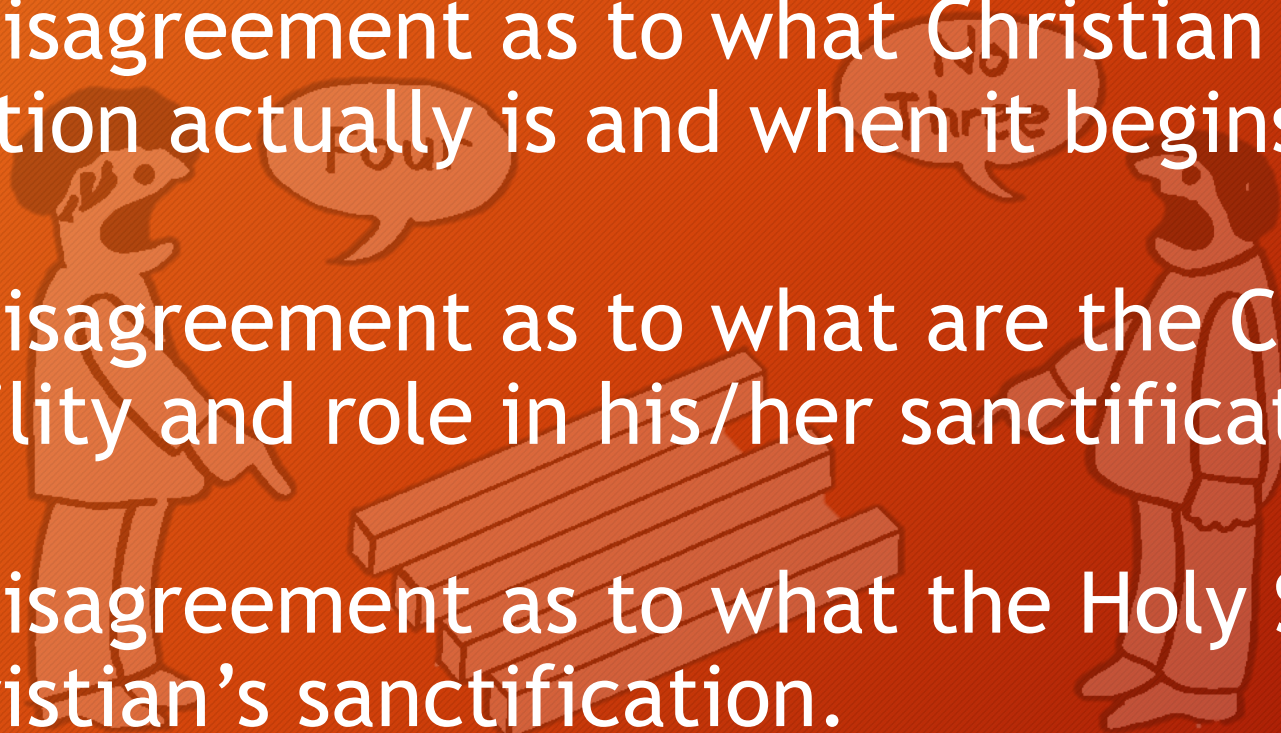


Regeneration / Conversion  
Jesus as Savior and Lord

# Points of Agreement

- All five positions recognize the call and need for Christian sanctification.
- All five positions recognize the Christian has a role and responsibility in his/her sanctification.
- All five positions recognize the Holy Spirit has a role and responsibility in the sanctification of the Christian.

# Points of Divergence

- There is disagreement as to what Christian sanctification actually is and when it begins.
  - There is disagreement as to what are the Christian's responsibility and role in his/her sanctification.
  - There is disagreement as to what the Holy Spirit's role is in the Christian's sanctification.
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- An illustration in the background shows two men in a disagreement. The man on the left has a speech bubble that says "Four" and is pointing towards the man on the right. The man on the right has a speech bubble that says "No Three" and is pointing back. Between them is a stack of four wooden planks.



# Sanctification - *2 Peter 1:2-11; 3:18*

<sup>2</sup> Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; <sup>3</sup> seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. <sup>4</sup> For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

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<sup>5</sup> Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, <sup>6</sup> and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, <sup>7</sup> and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love.

# Sanctification - 2 Peter 1:2-11; 3:18

<sup>8</sup> For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; <sup>11</sup> for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

# Sanctification - *2 Peter 1:2-11; 3:18*

<sup>18</sup> grow in the grace knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.





*Saving Grace*  
Bible Church