



## What is Sanctification?

Christian Basics Part 10



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The Dictionary Definition

- set apart as or declare holy; consecrate.
- "a small shrine was built to sanctify the site"
- *synonyms*: consecrate, make holy, make sacred, bless, hallow, set apart, dedicate to God, anoint, ordain, canonize, beatify "a small shrine was built to sanctify the site"
- free from sin; purify.
- "may God sanctify his soul"
- *synonyms*: purify, cleanse, free from sin, absolve, unburden, redeem, exculpate, wash someone's sins away; *rare* lustrate "they sanctified themselves"

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## Sanctification Quick Facts:

- It is about becoming Holy!?!
- Guide on how to become or better be a Saint
- Saint Michael of Yorkshire, really???
- The word "Sanctification" is only mentioned 5 times in the Bible
- It is about living as a Christian after Salvation!

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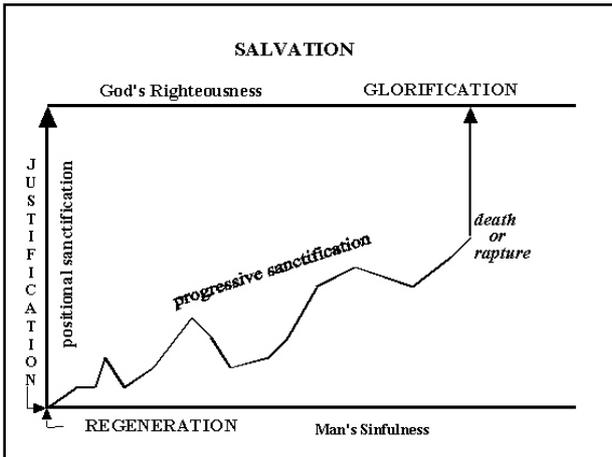
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**What is the starting point?**

**Salvation**

- Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John Ch. 3
- Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2.Cor. 5:17
- To Him who loved us and **washed us from our sins in His own blood, 6** and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Rev. 1:5-6

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## What happens then?

- The power of sin is broken!

Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits **sin** is a slave of **sin**. John 8:34

- A new heart is given to us

Then I will give them one **heart**, and I will put a **new spirit** within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give the

a **heart of flesh**,  
Ezek. 11:19



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## The Holy Spirit is poured out in our lives

- **7** Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.
- **8** And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: **9** of sin, because they do not believe in Me; **10** of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; **11** of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.
- **12** "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. **13** However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. **14** He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. **15** All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.

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## The struggle after salvation:

- Enemy can't have you but tries to render you useless
- Through guilt
- Our mistakes
- Our weaknesses
- False expectations of ourselves

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## The washing of feet:

- 5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel with which He was girded. 6 Then He came to Simon Peter. And *Peter* said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?"
- 7 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this."
- 8 Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!"
- Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."
- 9 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also *my hands and my head!*"
- 10 Jesus said to him, "**He who is bathed needs only to wash *his feet*, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you.**" 11 For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."



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## Stages in Sanctification:

The three stages:

- 1. childhood - sins are forgiven, known the father
- 2. young adulthood – strong, overcome the devil, Word of God stays with you
- 3. Experienced - know God, the Creator

See 1. John 2:12ff

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## Corinthian Saints???

- Irritating to catholics
- The fallen church – divisions, sin, disorder, deception and lawsuits, immorality, false doctrine = Paul addresses them as saints
- 2. Cor. Restoration of the church
- Things can and will go wrong, God will call us to correction, to discipline – we need to yield

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## The way to holiness:

- Jesus said good for him to leave, he will ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit who will lead us into all truth
- Through the Holy Spirit we can enjoy fellowship with God



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## Walk in the Way

Isaiah 30:20-21

- And *though* the Lord gives you  
The bread of adversity and the water of affliction,  
Yet your teachers will not be moved into a  
corner anymore,  
But your eyes shall see your teachers.  
**21** Your ears shall hear a word behind you,  
saying,  
"This *is* the way, walk in it,"  
Whenever you turn to the right hand  
Or whenever you turn to the left.



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## The Highway of Holiness

- A highway shall be there, and a road,  
And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness.  
The unclean shall not pass over it,  
But it *shall be* for others.  
Whoever walks the road, although a fool,  
Shall not go astray.  
**9** No lion shall be there,  
Nor shall *any* ravenous beast go up on it;  
It shall not be found there.  
But the redeemed shall walk *there*,  
**10** And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,  
And come to Zion with singing,  
With everlasting joy on their heads.  
They shall obtain joy and gladness,  
And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isaiah 35:8-10



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## The New Reality in the Christian's Life

- The 2 natures present in the christian are:
- The Flesh – desires opposing God
- The Spirit – desires pleasing God

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### The Flesh verses the Spirit

Galatians chapter 5:16 - 26

I say, then, Walk in *the Spirit* and you shall not fulfill *the lusts of the flesh*.

- For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh. And these are contrary to one another; lest whatever you may will, these things you do.
- But if you are led by *the Spirit*, you are not under law.
- Now the **works** of the flesh are clearly revealed, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lustfulness, idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, fightings, jealousies, angers, rivalries, divisions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkennesses, revelings, and things like these; of which I tell you before, as I also said before, that they who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.
- But the **fruit** of the Spirit is: **love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control**; against such things there is no law.
- But those belonging to Christ have crucified the flesh with *its* passions and lusts.
- If we live in *the Spirit*, let us also walk in *the Spirit*.
- Let us not become glory-seeking, provoking one another, envying one another.

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## How to walk in the Spirit?

- Love the Lord thy God with all your heart
- Salvation, being born again is the key to receive the Holy Spirit
- Seeking God always
- Repentance, forgiveness, openness to God's correction
- "For it is God who works in you both to will and to do of *His* good pleasure." Phil 2:13

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## The Living Sacrifice - Ro. 12

- I beseech you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, pleasing to God, *which is your reasonable service.*

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, in order to prove by you *what is* that good and pleasing and perfect will of God.

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## The Righteous will fall seven times but rise again!



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## Summary

- The struggle with sin will only stop when the gravediggers clang the shovels over your coffin (Martin Luther)
- when you fall rise up (Psalms)
- strive new every day to live the best life for God (Romans 12)
- His mercies are new every morning (Jeremiah in Lamentations)
- The Christian life is not easy (Jesus talks about counting the cost)
- We face different problems to the world:  
**World:** career status, money, fear of future illness and death, power, sex and love of money
- **Christian:** We know God cares and provides for us, our health and destiny are in his hand, but something inside of us tries to drag us away from God
- We have the Helper – the Holy Spirit with us helping us in our relationship with God
- We have to understand that often we fail - but our God is faithful, forgiving and always on our side
- Our job is to get up out of the mud, wash ourselves (allowing God to wash our feet) and to get back to God fast
- In time we should see the fruits of the Spirit to grow in our lives – Love, kindness, gentleness, patience, faith...

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