

# Growing in Sanctification

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## 3 Phases of Salvation:

- **Justification** *(we have been saved once and for all complete)*

By faith in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ by His death on the cross and His resurrection from the tomb:

- **my sins are forgiven** *(by the love, grace and mercy of God)*
- **my judgment paid** *(by Jesus my Substitute)*
- **relationship with God restored** *(although fellowship is disrupted by sin until there is repentance)*
- **regenerated and transformed** *(as God's child)*

*Ephesians 2:8-9 ESV*

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,  
9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

*Romans 4:3-5 ESV*

3 For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."  
4 Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due.  
5 And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.

- **Sanctification** *(we are being saved in a progressive, life-long process)*

Sanctification is the spiritual growth resulting from relationship with God in which we are progressively separated from sin and separated unto God as a holy and living sacrifice.

2 Peter 1:3-4 ESV

3 His divine power has **GRANTED TO US** all things that pertain to life and godliness, **THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE** of him **WHO CALLED US** to his own glory and excellence,  
4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may **BECOME PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE, HAVING ESCAPED FROM THE CORRUPTION THAT IS IN THE WORLD** because of sinful desire.

- **God's Provision for Sanctification** - "His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness..."
- **God's Calling to Sanctification** - "...who called us to his own glory and excellence..."
- **God's Method of Sanctification - Relationship** - "...through the knowledge of Him..."
- **Separated by God's nature growing within** - "...you may become partakers of the divine nature..."
- **Separated from sin and corruption in the world** - "...having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire..."

- **Glorification** *(we will be saved once and for all complete)*

**Glorification is the final conclusion and consummation of our salvation, when we are liberated from our natural body of sin and death, and we received our glorified body just like Christ's body. We will be completely free, once and for all, from sin's temptation, corruption and consequences!**

*1 Corinthians 15:51-55 ESV*

*51 Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,*

*52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.*

*53 For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.*

*54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."*

*55 "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"*

## **The Supernatural Separation of Sanctification**

- *Sanctification is NOT by human initiation or effort.*
- *Sanctification is NOT by legislation or physical separation, but a spiritual separation of the heart.*
- *Sanctification IS accomplished by the spiritual and supernatural transformation of our thoughts, motives, affections, words, actions and lifestyle.*
- *The miracle, wonder and beauty of sanctification is the reality that I am being transformed into a completely different person internally and intrinsically, from the inside out.*
- *Sanctification is the progressive consummation of justification, the creation and maturing of a new creature in Christ.*

*Sanctification is that work "by which a Christian in his mind, in his will and in his affections is freed from the bondage and tyranny of sin and Satan and is little by little enabled through the Spirit of Christ to desire and approve that which is good and walk in it." -- William Perkins, "Golden Chaine", born 1558, died 1602, Puritan Theologian*

**John 17:15-17** ESV

**15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.**

**16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.**

**17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.**

***The Truth of God's Word is not a code of ethics nor a system of regulations which administratively and organizationally keep us different and separate from the world.***

**James 1:21** ESV

**21 ...receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.**

**Hebrews 8:10** ESV

**10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

Hebrews 4:12 ESV

12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Isaiah 30:20-22 ESV

20 And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself anymore, but your eyes shall see your Teacher.

21 And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.

22 Then you will defile your carved idols overlaid with silver and your gold-plated metal images. You will scatter them as unclean things. You will say to them, "Be gone!"

2 Corinthians 3:18 ESV

18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:10 ESV

10 For we are his workmanship (*poiēma* - a product, fabric), created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

*"We have seen that the beginning of all sanctification is separation to God. , as His entire possession, to be at His disposal...Because He desires to have us entirely for Himself, He has chosen and bought us, and set upon us the distinguishing mark of the blood, as those who are separated from all around them, to live only for His service."*

--Andrew Murray, The Power of the Blood of Jesus, Chapter 5

## **Our sanctification is dependent upon our surrender to the work that only God can do.**

*Although sanctification is a work in us that only God can do, that doesn't mean we do nothing. Sanctification will not be accomplished in us without our pursuit of and surrender to God's work.*

Philippians 2:12-13 ESV

12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out (*katēgazomai* - bring about, result in, fashion, render one fit for a thing) your own salvation with fear and trembling,

13 for it is God who works (*energeō* - to be operative, put forth power, to effect) in you, both to will (*thelō* - to love, be fond of, take delight in, have pleasure) and to work (*energeō* - to be operative, put forth power, to effect) for his good pleasure.

***We work out what God works in by absolute surrender to His working in us, through His Word, by His Holy Spirit, in His chastening.***

*"One of the most fundamental truths we must learn in Christian growth is that we are responsible, yet dependent.*

*Obedience to God is very much our responsibility, but it is a responsibility that must be carried out in utter dependence on the Holy Spirit. We work as He enables us to work. We cannot make one inch of progress in obeying God apart from His working in us to enable us.*

*To work hard, but only in dependence on the Holy Spirit. Is a difficult lesson to learn. We know we must work hard, but in that very work we can easily slip into reliance on our own willpower instead of depending on the Holy Spirit to work in and through our wills.”*  
--Jerry Bridges, “I Will Follow You O God”, Day 29

**Romans 6:13 ESV**

13 **Do not present** (*paristēmi* - to place beside or near, to set at hand, to place at one's disposal, to be present, yield) **your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, BUT PRESENT** (*paristēmi* - to place beside or near, to set at hand, to place at one's disposal, to be present, yield) **YOURSELVES TO GOD** as those who have been brought from death to life, and **YOUR MEMBERS TO GOD AS INSTRUMENTS** for righteousness.

**Romans 6:16 ESV**

16 **Do you not know that if you present** (*paristēmi* - to place beside or near, to set at hand, to place at one's disposal, to be present, yield) **yourself** to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

**Romans 6:19 ESV**

19 **For just as you once presented** (*paristēmi* - to place beside or near, to set at hand, to place at one's disposal, to be present, yield) **your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present** (*paristēmi* - to place beside or near, to set at hand, to place at one's disposal, to be present, yield) **your members** as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

**Romans 6:22 ESV**

22 **But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.**

**Romans 12:1-2 ESV**

1 **I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present** (*paristēmi* - to place beside or near, to set at hand, to place at one's disposal, to be present, yield) **your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.**

2 **Do not be conformed** (*syschēmatizō* - to conform to another's pattern, to fashion alike) **to this world, but be transformed** (*metamorphoō* - to transform, to transfigure, to change into another form) **by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

**John 15:2-4 ESV**

2 **Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.**

3 **Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.**

4 **Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.**

*“Sanctification, then, is dependent upon a moment by moment renewal as the believer looks away from himself and his deeds to the person and work of Christ. Mortification and vivification are evidence of that most vital and definitive reality - union with Christ upon which all reception of grace depends. It is unquestionably clear that sanctification is the result of the activity of divine grace in man.”* --Victor Priebe, Covenant Theology of Perkins

**Psalms 139:23-24 ESV**

23 **Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!**

24 **And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!**