

SANCTIFICATON

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- Sanctification – from a family of words that are variously translated:
 - Sanctify, hallow, be holy
 - Holiness, sanctification
 - Holy, saints, Holy One, holy thing
- Vine: “Sanctification is that relationship with God into which man enters by faith in Christ.” “Sanctification is also used in the NT of separation of the believer from evil things and ways.” Vine also says, regarding the word holy: “fundamentally signifies “separated” (among the Greeks, dedicated to the gods), and hence, in Scripture in its moral and spiritual significance, separated from sin and therefore consecrated to God, sacred.”

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- 1 Peter 2:4-5
- 1 Peter 2:9-10
- Titus 2:11-14
- Two aspects of sanctification:
 - Separated from one thing
 - Separated from sin, ungodliness, impurity
 - Dedicated to another
 - Consecrated to the cause of Christ

SANCTIFICATION IS IMPORTANT!

- 1 Peter 1:15-16
 - Be holy because God is holy
- Ephesians 1:3-4
 - We have been chosen in Christ to be holy
- Hebrews 12:14
 - Cannot enter heaven without holiness
- 2 Peter 3:10-11
 - The sure promise of the coming of the Lord and the ending of this world gives reason to be holy

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

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 - ❑ Who sanctifies?
 - ❑ What is the role of the Holy Spirit in sanctification?
 - ❑ Do you and I have a continued role in sanctification?
 - ❑ What is the standard for holiness?
- Washed
 - Cleansed from sins
 - Hebrews 10:22; 9:14
 - 1 Peter 3:21
 - Revelation 1:5
 - Acts 22:16
 - Sanctified
 - Set apart
 - Hebrews 10:10, 29
 - Justified
 - Acquitted. Declared not guilty. Declared righteous.
 - Romans 5:9

**ALL OF THIS HAPPENED WHEN THEY WERE
BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST**

Ephesians 5:25-26

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- “Sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of the water by the word”
- Sanctify = set apart from sin and into God’s service
- and
- Cleanse from sins by:
 - Washing of water
 - “by the word” – accompanied by the Word
- John 3:5: Born of water and the Spirit → Enter kingdom
- Titus 3:5: Washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit → He saved us

Sanctified when cleansed from sins when baptized in obedience to the Spirit’s command, the word of God

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❑ The Bible teaches a man is sanctified – set apart from sin and unto God’s service – when he is baptized into Christ as taught by the Word.
Ephesians 5:26

❑ The giving of Jesus Christ as the perfect sacrifice for our sins is the basis of our sanctification.
Ephesians 5:25

❑ The Bible does not teach that a man is sanctified at the point of belief or at any point prior to being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

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Sanctified by...

- 1 Corinthians 1:2
 - Sanctification only in Jesus Christ
- Sanctified by God the Father
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:23
- Sanctified by Jesus
 - Hebrews 2:11
- Sanctified by the Spirit
 - 2 Thessalonians 2:13

Sanctification is only through Jesus Christ.

His death/blood is the basis of our sanctification.

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- 2 Thessalonians 2:13-15
 - Salvation through
 - Sanctification by the Spirit, and
 - Belief in the truth
 - A great contrast to verse 10-12, people devoted to deceit and unrighteousness
 - How were they chosen for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit & belief in the truth?
 - Through the gospel which was preached to them – verse 14
- It is the preaching of the gospel that called them to sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth

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- John 17:17-20
 - Sanctify by the truth, which is the Word of God
 - Jesus also prayed “for those who will believe in Me through their word...”
 - 2 Thessalonians 2:13: “chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel”
- The Thessalonians were sanctified in the way Jesus prayed that his disciples be sanctified:
 - The gospel was preached to them, and they responded to it with a saving faith. The gospel, the truth, the word of God is the very thing that Jesus prayed would sanctify His disciples.

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- 2 Thessalonians 2:13: "Sanctification by the Spirit"
- John 17:17 : Sanctify "by Your truth"
- God's truth, the word of God, was spoken (and written) by the apostles in "...words which the Holy Spirit teaches..."
 - 1 Corinthians 2:13
- The Spirit sanctified the Thessalonians. How? By...
 - Belief in the Spirit's words (the truth of the gospel), which required...
 - Being called by the gospel, which involved hearing the gospel

If we are sanctified by the Spirit, do I have a part in it?

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- We are sanctified by the Spirit. 2 Thess 2:13
- We are sanctified by the Spirit's word – the truth, the word of God. Jn 17:17-20
- We are sanctified by faith in Jesus. Acts 26:18.
- God sanctifies you and me upon our response of obedient faith to the Spirit's word.
 - 1 Peter 1:22
 - I must respond to the Spirit's word, in the way the Spirit directs in His word!

Calvinism

~~I am unconditionally
chosen and the Holy Spirit
operates upon me with
irresistible grace~~

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- Hebrews 12:14
 - Follow after; eagerly seek
- 2 Corinthians 6:14 - 7:1
 - Be separate
 - “Perfecting holiness in the fear of God”
 - Dedication to the Lord’s service
- 1 Peter 1:13-19
 - Separate from
 - Former lusts
 - Aimless conduct
 - Be holy in all your conduct
 - Unto God, in His service

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- Romans 6:19-22
 - Present your members as slaves of righteousness unto SANCTIFICATION
 - Set apart TO God:
 - Slaves of righteousness UNTO sanctification → Everlasting life
 - Not set apart FROM God:
 - Slaves of unrighteousness TO more lawlessness (sin) → Spiritual death

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- Romans 12:1-2
 - A picture of sanctification:
 - Present your bodies a living sacrifice
 - **HOLY**
 - **A LIVING SACRIFICE ACCEPTABLE TO GOD**
 - Don't conform to former lusts
 - **SEPARATE FROM SIN**
 - Be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God
 - **CHANGED FOR THE PURPOSE OF SERVICE TO GOD AS TAUGHT BY THE PERFECT WILL OF GOD**

1 Thessalonians 4:3-7

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- This is the will of God, your sanctification
- Abstain from sexual immorality
- Possess your own body in holiness and honor
 - Not in passion of lust
- God has called us not to uncleanness
- God has called us in sanctification
- 1 Peter 2:11-12

In practical terms, sanctification is about moral righteousness and purity, living a life separated from impurity, uncleanness, immorality

THE LONG ARMS OF SANCTIFICATION

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- Set apart from sin and uncleanness and dedicated to God
- This body
- This tongue
- This mind
- My clothing
- My motives
- Relationships
- The activities I choose
- The Lord's Day
- Study & meditation

THE STANDARD FOR HOLINESS

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- Leviticus 11:44-45
- 1 Peter 1:13-16
 - “as He who called you is holy”
- Hebrews 7:26
- John 17:17
- Leviticus 10:1-3

SANCTIFICATION

- ✓ Sanctification, holiness: a recurring Bible theme
 - ✓ **Being set apart from sin for service to God**
- ✓ Cannot be neglected in study nor in application without consequence
 - ✓ Hebrews 10:26
- ✓ Heed the ancient admonitions in the Bible:
 - ✓ “Be holy, for I am holy”
 - ✓ “For this is the will of God, your sanctification”