

God's Plan for Your Growth

An introduction to the Doctrine of Sanctification

Introduction

#1. _____ is Sanctification?

1st - _____ sanctification

Hebrews 10:14 *For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.*

Acts 26:18 *I am sending you {to the Gentiles} to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, in order that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me*

1 Corinthians 1:2 *to the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified*

Hebrews 10:10 *By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all*

Westminster Shorter Catechism *The work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness*

- To sanctify does not mean sin is totally _____
- To sanctify does not mean sin is merely _____
- Sanctification is a divinely wrought character change freeing us from sinful habits and forming in us Christlike affections and character.

2nd - _____ sanctification *From and To*

1 Thessalonians 4:3 *For this is the will of God, your sanctification, that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality*

1 John 3:2 *And everyone who has this hoped fixed on Him, purifies himself, just as He is pure.*

2 Timothy 2:22 *Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace*

#2. _____ does sanctification work?

1st-Experiential sanctification always _____ positional sanctification

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

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

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 *...do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And 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-They are _____

• 2-They're living in _____

Hebrews 12:6 *For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives*

Hebrews 12:8 *But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.*

2nd-Where salvation is exclusively the work of God alone, sanctification is a _____ process between God and you

Philippians 2:12 *So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling 13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure*

2 Corinthians 7:1 *Let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*

• Sanctification is not _____ {self-reliant activity}

• Sanctification is not _____ {God-reliant passivity}

• True sanctification is God dependent _____

Philippians 3:10-12 *that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained it, or have already become perfect, but I press on in order that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.*

Galatians 2:20 *I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and delivered Himself up for me*

Philippians 4:13 *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me*

#1. D _____
Ephesians 5:18 *Be filled with the Spirit*

#2. D _____
1 Corinthians 9:24-27 *run your race to win, exercise self-control in all things, buffet your body and make it your slave, so you will not be disqualified*

#3. D _____ it, obedience
1 John 2:3-4 *And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says, "I have come to know Him" and does not keep His commandments is a liar and the truth is not in him*

3rd-Experiential sanctification does not spare us from _____ in the Christian life
Romans 6, 7 and 8

Conclusion:

#1. Make sure you understand the _____ between salvation and sanctification

Salvation

is outside us
is perfect
counts us holy
is our standing
saves us from sin's guilt

Sanctification

is within us
is not perfect
makes us holy
is our experience
saves us from sin's power

We need the work of the Lord Jesus for us (justification) and the work of the Holy Spirit in us (sanctification).

#2. Evaluate your life next to God's _____ chart

#3. Commit yourself to live in dependence, to work at discipline, step out in obedience and _____ it

John 17:17 *Sanctify them in the truth. Thy Word is truth*

James 5:16 *Confess your sins to one another*