



"GET A GRIP ON YOUR FAITH"



DOCTRINE #9: SANCTIFICATION

Are You Sure?

Match the doctrine and meaning:

1. Justification
2. Regeneration
3. Sanctification
4. Propitiation

- 1 Means a change in my standing before God.
- 2 Means a change in my nature.
- 3 Means a change in my character and conduct.
- 1 Has to do with God's provision for a change in my position.
- 3 Has to do with God's provision for a change in my condition.
- 1, 2 Deals with the pardon of my sin.
- 3 Deals with my deliverance from sin's power.

Sanctification ... What Does It Mean?



Statement of Faith #9

We believe sanctification is an act of separation from that which is evil, and of dedication unto God.

Read I Thess. 4:3-8.

"It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit."

- The word "sanctify" comes from the same root as holy, holiness, hallow, consecrate, and saint.

- Sanctification means "to be set apart" and contains two ideas:

1. Separation from sin
2. Separation unto God

- What has God called us to according to the following Scriptures?

2 Cor. 7:1 – "Purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God."

1 Thess. 4:7 – "For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life."

1 Peter 1:15-16 – "But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do."

Note: These verses admonish us to separate from sin and separate unto God!

According to Billy Graham, "A Christian ought to live so that he'd not be afraid to sell the family parrot to the town gossip!"



Hey! You're a Saint!

Read I Cor. 6:9-11.

"Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders, nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."

What Sanctification Is *Not*

- **The Antinomian View** = "Do whatever you want!"
(NOT) See **Rom. 6:1-2** – "What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?"
- **The Perfectionist View** = "You can become perfect in this life."
(NOT) See **Rom. 7:15-25**
"I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin."
(NOT) See **I John 1:8** – "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us."

What Sanctification *Is*

The Bible teaches 3 important steps!

- **Positional** Sanctification
1 Cor. 1:2
"To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours..."
Heb. 10:10
"And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."
- **Progressive** Sanctification
Phil 2:12
"Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling."
Matt. 16:24
"Then Jesus said to his disciples, If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."
I John 2:6
"Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did."
- **Perfected** Sanctification
2 Cor. 7:1
"Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God."
1 John 3:2
"Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is."

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Additional Verses

- **John 17:19**
"For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified."
- **Acts 20:32**
"Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified."
- **Acts 26:18**
"To open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me."
- **Rom. 15:16**
"To be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles with the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit."
- **1 Cor. 6:11**
"And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."
- **1 Cor. 7:14**
"For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified through her believing husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy."
- **1 Thess. 4:3**
"It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality."
- **Heb. 10:29**
"How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?"
- **John 17:17**
"Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth."
- **John 17:19**
"For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified."
- **1 Thess. 5:23**
"May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."
- **Heb. 9:13**
"The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean."