

Sanctification

Words Describing Salvation

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I. What Is Sanctification?

Our Confession of Faith - #10 Of Sanctification: We believe that Sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration; and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means—especially the Word of God self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness and prayer.

1. Sanctification is P_rs_n_l holiness.

1) Something is holy which is dedicated, or s_t ap_rt unto God for a holy and special use.

a) The holy was to be used _nl_ for that which the Lord had ordained for it. (Exo.; Tab., Jericho)

b) Every believer has been set apart unto God. So every believer is holy and is a s__nt. (2Th.2:13; 1Pe.1:2; Eph.1:1)

2) Holiness also speaks of a p_r_ and righteous nature from which holy actions flow.

a) A holy nature has been imparted unto every believer in the n_w b_rth. (Joh.3:3,8; Act.9:6; Eph.4:24; 1Jo.4:3)

2. Sanctification is Pr_gr_ss_ve Holiness

a) Qu_ck_ning is our birth, and sanctification is our growth from birth. (2Pe.3:18)

b) It is n_t a point, but a progression. It is growth. (2Pe.3:18; 2Co.3:18; 7:1; Phi.1:6; Col.3:9-10)

c) It isn't a continual going upward because of conflict with sin (Gal.5:17; Rom.7:14-24).

d) But this does n_t keep us from ascending up to where we should go. (Rom.8:28-29)

3. Sanctification wi__ finally be completed.

1) It will not be completed in th__ life. (1Jo.1:8) PBPGINFWMY

2) We are exhorted to pre__ onward and upward all through this life. (2Pe.1:3-7)

3) We are w_rm_d to not be negligent of our calling to holiness. (1Co.10:12; Heb.3:12-14; 12:14)

4) Christians are n_v_r represented as entirely holy. (Phi.3:12-13; 1Jo.1:8)

5) We will be p_rf_ctly so in Heaven. (1Jo.3:2; Jud.24; Rom.8:29)

II. Who Sanctifies Us?

1. God is the real a_th_r of it. (Joh.17:17; Eph.5:25; 1 Th.4:3; 5:23; Tit.2:4; Heb.13:20-21)

2. The Believer c_op_rat_s in his sanctification. We are not passive, we participate in it.

1) The believer must engage in the work of self-purification. (2Co.7:1; Eph.4:17-24)

III. What Are the Means of Sanctification?

1. It is n_t legalism or asceticism.

2. Believers are sanctified through God's W__d. (Joh.17:17; Psa.119:9-11; Joh.15:3,7; 1Pe.1:22; 2Pe.3:18; 1Th.4:1-10)

F__th (Acts 15:9; 2Co.3:18; Eph.4:13; Romans 10:17)

Pr_y_r (Isa.29:13; Luk.18:1; Mat.6:9-12)

Ch__ch (Heb.10:24-25; Eph.4:16; Rom.15:2; 1Th.5:11)

Pr__ching and Teaching (Eph.4:11-12)

Are you a saint? Do you have the evidence of a new nature that now loves God and keeps His commandments? Are you taking hold of the means God has ordained for your growth in Jesus Christ?