

Sanctification

Set Apart by God, Conformed to Christ

The Three Stages of Sanctification

1) Past / _____ Sanctification

1 Corinthians 6:11 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.

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

2) Present / _____ Sanctification

Romans 6:19 For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. (ESV)

Sanctification ≠ Justification

Justification	Sanctification
Legal standing	Internal condition
Once for all time	Continuous throughout life
Entirely God's work	We cooperate
Perfect in this life	Not perfect in this life
The same in all Christians	Greater in some than in others

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit. (*cf Romans 8:29*)

3) Future / _____ Sanctification

Philippians 3:20–21 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; ²¹ who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Means of Your Sanctification

1) You are Transformed by _____, Through Faith

John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth **Acts 26:18** those who have been sanctified by faith in Me

2 Thessalonians 2:13 God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

2) You are Transformed by Your Own _____

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

Your Role in Sanctification = Passive AND Active

Philippians 2:12-13 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, ... 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.

3) You are Transformed Through the _____

John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

Mediators of the Word in Sanctification

- (a) Your, and Others', Prayers
- (b) The Church's ordinances & services
- (c) The Church family

4) You are Transformed Through _____, Trial & Suffering

Hebrews 12:11 All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

Some Biblical Motives for Your Sanctification

1) It's _____

1 Thessalonians 4:3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification;

2) It _____ God and expresses your love to Him

John 14:15 If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

3) You want to be _____ to God

2 Timothy 2:21 if anyone cleanses himself from these *things*, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.

4) You want to _____ in Heaven

2 Corinthians 5:9-10 We also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

5) The World is _____ and Jesus is _____

2 Peter 3:10-12 ¹¹ Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God

6) You Want _____ of Salvation

Romans 8:12-14 if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

3 Truths You MUST OWN

1) Your present sanctification is most often a _____ process.

2) The Christian life is not _____ EVER.

3) The more like Christ you grow, the more _____ and _____ you will find.