

The Meaning of Sanctification

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Sanctification is a Very Important word and one we need to **clearly understand**. It has several Very Important meanings:

(1) to **set apart** and (2) to make **Holy**. Both are the same Greek word.

It is spoken of in two distinct ways:

(1) We **HAVE BEEN SANCTIFIED** in the past with ongoing continuing, unchanging results. This is what **The LORD HAS DONE FOR US**. He has **SET US APART** unto Himself, **CLEANSED** us and has **MADE US HOLY** by the BLOOD of HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST.

(2) The Scriptures also speak of **OUR RESPONSIBILITY** to **SANCTIFY OURSELVES**. To **set ourselves apart** from the worldly ways and to live a **HOLY** LIFE.

This is our study:

I. WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE FOR US: HE has **SET US APART** from common condition and use unto HIMSELF.

First made clear in Exodus 13:2; We read that a day, a mountain, an altar, and animals were sanctified. **Meaning: "set apart to God for special service."**

Hebrews 9:19-22 For when every commandment had been spoken by Moses to all the people according to the Law, he took **the blood** of the calves and the goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both **the book** itself and **all the people**, 20 saying, "THIS IS THE **BLOOD** OF THE COVENANT WHICH GOD COMMANDED YOU." 21 And in the same way he sprinkled both the **tabernacle** and all the **vessels** of the ministry with the **blood**. 22 And according to the Law, almost **ALL things ARE CLEANSED with BLOOD**, and WITHOUT SHEDDING OF **BLOOD** THERE IS NO **FORGIVENESS**.

- Note the IMPORTANCE of: **all things are CLEANSED with BLOOD** and WITHOUT SHEDDING OF **BLOOD THERE IS NO FORGIVENESS**. The Blood of JESUS has been shed for us.
- Therefore **Forgiven** and if **Clean** and **Forgiven**, then **HOLY**. All of this is in the meaning of the one Greek word.

This is who **WE ARE** and our

ETERNAL POSITION IN CHRIST.

- It Has been **DONE** and is A **COMPLETED** and **FINISHED** work, as JESUS said, **It is finished**. John 19:30 The **BLOOD** of HIS Chosen SACRIFICE, **JESUS CHRIST** Did for all of us on The Cross
- This is the way GOD our FATHER **VIEWS** The SACRIFICE of HIS SON and the way **HE SEES US**. Every Believer in JESUS CHRIST **IS HOLY. I AM HOLY ! YOU ARE HOLY !**

Deuteronomy 7:6 For **YOU ARE A HOLY PEOPLE** to the LORD your GOD; the LORD your GOD **HAS CHOSEN YOU** to be a people for HIS own possession (or special valuable treasure) **out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth**. Yes, it is spoken of the people of Israel and it clearly had nothing to do with their behavior. And it is also spoken of us.

The temple of GOD is **HOLY**, and **THAT IS WHAT YOU ARE.**

1 Corinthians 3:17

1. It Happens when we Believe, when we are Justified.

- Acts 26:18 I am sending you to **open their eyes** so that they may **turn** from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to GOD, that they may **RECEIVE forgiveness** of sins **and** an inheritance among **those** who ***HAVE BEEN SANCTIFIED BY FAITH IN ME.**

*A Finished Completed Work that happened in the past, on the Cross, with on-going continuing results.

*Greek #37: ἁγιάζω hagiozo to **make holy**, purify or **consecrate, be holy, sanctify**. Perfect tense – it happened in the past with on-going continuous results. Passive Voice – we did not do it, it was done for us and given to us.

Acts 20:32 And now I commend you to GOD and to the Word of HIS Grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among **all those who ARE SANCTIFIED**. same word: Perfect tense, Passive voice. A Finished Completed Work

2. Includes all believers and why we are called Saints

- 1 Corinthians 1:2 To the **church** of GOD at Corinth, to **those** who ***have been sanctified** in CHRIST JESUS, ****SAINTS** by calling, with **ALL** who in **every place** call on the name of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, their Lord and ours.

Greek: *ἁγιάζω - the verb **ἅγιος - adjective of the same word

3. It is HIS work – HIS responsibility.

- 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, 31 so that, just as it is written, "Let him who boasts, boast in the LORD."

We Did Not Earn It or Deserve It !

4. It is Accomplished. It is Finished. It is Done. All by The **GRACE of GOD** our FATHER and The Sacrifice of HIS SON JESUS CHRIST.

- 1 Corinthians 6:11 Such were some of you; but **you** were washed, you were **sanctified**, you were justified in The Name of The LORD JESUS CHRIST and in the SPIRIT of our GOD.

5. It is our Entrance to salvation

- 2 Thessalonians 2:13 But we should always give thanks to GOD for you, brethren **beloved** by the LORD, because GOD has **chosen you** from **the beginning** for **salvation** through **SANCTIFICATION** by the SPIRIT and faith in The Truth.
- We could not be SAVED, could not enter HIS Presence if we were not SANCTIFIED and made HOLY by HIS GRACE.

6. Our Sanctification was Accomplished at The CROSS.

- Hebrews 10:10 By HIS will **we have been sanctified** through the **offering** of the **body** of Jesus Christ once for all.
- Hebrews 13:12 Therefore JESUS also, that **HE** might **sanctify** the people **by HIS own Blood**, suffered outside the gate.
- Colossians 1:22 **HE** has **reconciled you** in HIS fleshly body through death, **in order to present you** before HIM **HOLY** (ἁγίους same word) and **blameless** and **beyond reproach**
- 1 Corinthians 1:7-9 . . . our LORD JESUS CHRIST, will also CONFIRM YOU TO THE END, **BLAMELESS** in the day of our Lord JESUS CHRIST.
- Colossians 1:22 **HE has** now **reconciled you** in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before HIM **HOLY** and **BLAMELESS** and **beyond reproach**
- Jude 24-25 Now to HIM who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of **HIS glory BLAMELESS** with great joy, 25 to the only GOD our Savior, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

This is our **ETERNAL** POSITION before the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY.
The way HE SEES US Today.

EVERY BELIEVER in JESUS CHRIST **IS HOLY** by The **GRACE** and **MERCY** of GOD and the SACRIFICE of JESUS CHRIST and HIS shed **BLOOD GIVEN FOR YOU**. Luke 22:19 **YOU ARE HOLY !**

THE SECOND MEANING of SANCTIFICATION:

II. Our Earthly Position: I AM **BECOMING** HOLY.

- Leviticus 20:26 Thus **YOU** are **TO BE HOLY** to ME, for I The LORD am HOLY; and I have **SET YOU APART** (see verse below) from the peoples **to be Mine**.
 - 2 Cor. 6:16-18 For **we are the temple of the living GOD**. As GOD has said: I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their GOD, and they will be MY people. 17 **Therefore COME OUT FROM THEM AND BE SEPARATE**, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing and I will receive you with favor (literal translation). 18 I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.
1. The HOLY SPIRIT WORKS WITHIN US URGING, SHOWING AND TEACHING US TO OBEY JESUS
 - Luke 6:46 **Why do you call Me Lord Lord and do not do what I say**
 - 1 Peter 1:1-2 To **those** who reside as aliens . . . who are **chosen** according to the foreknowledge of GOD the FATHER, by the **SANCTIFYING** (ἁγίουσ same word) **work of the SPIRIT**, to **OBEY** JESUS CHRIST and be sprinkled with HIS BLOOD: May Grace and Peace be yours in the fullest measure.
 2. We are to BECOME and BE HOLY like JESUS

1 Peter 1:14-16 As **OBEDIENT children**, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, 15 but **like** the HOLY ONE who called you, **be HOLY** (ἁγίους same word) **yourselves** also **in ALL YOUR BEHAVIOR**; 16 because it is written, YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.

Deuteronomy 23:14 Since the LORD your GOD walks in the midst of your camp to deliver you and to defeat your enemies before you, therefore **YOUR CAMP MUST BE HOLY**; and He must not see anything indecent among you.

Why? It gives the evil one a legal right to harass you.

Hebrews 10:13-14 Since that time HE waits for HIS enemies to be made his footstool, 14 because **by one sacrifice** HE has **made PERFECT FOREVER** those who are ***BEING MADE HOLY**.

* present passive participle

Both truths are present in this verse. The **ETERNAL TRUTH: I AM PERFECT, HOLY FOREVER**. The **EARTHLY PICTURE -> I AM BEING MADE HOLY**, His on-going work in our lives as we OBEY and thus saved from the evil one's harassment.

2 Corinthians 7:1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us **CLEANSE OURSELVES** from all defilement of flesh and spirit, **PERFECTING HOLINESS** in the fear of GOD. Our part.

2 Timothy 2:21 Therefore, **if anyone CLEANSSES HIMSELF** from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, **SANCTIFIED**, USEFUL to the MASTER, PREPARED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK.

This is our Responsibility.

The Good News is -> JESUS will work with us and help us if we will work with HIM.

Ephesians 5:25-28 **CHRIST** also **loved the church** and **gave Himself up for her** (Why?) ²⁶ **so that He might sanctify her** (How?) having **cleansed her** by the **washing of water with The Word** (Why?) ²⁷ that HE might **present to Himself** the church in all her glory, **having no spot or wrinkle** or any such thing; but that she would be **HOLY** and **BLAMELESS**.

- We MUST allow HIM to CLEANSE us daily by reading and studying HIS Word.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 For **THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD, your SANCTIFICATION**; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in **SANCTIFICATION** and honor, ⁵ not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know GOD; ⁶ and that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the LORD is the avenger in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned you. ⁷ For GOD has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in **SANCTIFICATION** (or HOLINESS, same Gk. word). ⁸ So, he who **REJECTS THIS** is not rejecting man but the GOD who gives HIS HOLY SPIRIT to you.

1 John 3:2-3 Our Becoming Begins by our desire to be like Him. Beloved, we are **CHILDREN** of GOD, and it has not yet appeared what we will be. We know that when HE appears, we will be like HIM, because we will see HIM just as HE is. ³ And EVERYONE who has this HOPE fixed on Him **PURIFIES HIMSELF**, as HE is pure.

So we see that our **ETERNAL POSITION** "**IN**" CHRIST is:
WE ARE SANCTIFIED. WE ARE HOLY. This is HIS Work.

And our **EARTHLY POSITION** today, with CHRIST "**IN**" US IS:
 WE ARE to be BECOMING, MOVING TOWARD, BEING MORE AND MORE
HOLY.

MORE AND MORE **SANCTIFIED, SET APART** IN OUR BEHAVIOR.

This is our Responsibility. Our work.

And The CRITICAL IMPORTANCE to our FATHER of Our RESISTING SIN and pursuing HOLINESS is seen in the following passages:

Hebrews 12:4-11 **You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood** in your **striving against sin**; 5 and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "My son, do not regard lightly the **discipline** of the LORD, nor faint when you are reprov'd by HIM; 6 for **those whom the LORD loves he disciplines**, and HE scourges every son whom HE receives." 7 It is **for discipline** that you endure; GOD deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? 8 But **if you are without discipline**, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. 9 Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? 10 For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but **HE disciplines us for our good, so that we may share HIS Holiness.** 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.** 14 **PURSUE** peace with all men, and **the SANCTIFICATION** without which no one will see the Lord.

Romans 6:19 Just as you **PRESENTED** your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, **so now PRESENT** your members as **SLAVES TO RIGHTEOUSNESS, resulting in SANCTIFICATION.**

Both the ETERNAL POSITION and the PRESENT POSITION are seen in the following verse:

Hebrews 2:11 For both **HE who SANCTIFIES** (we have been) and those **who are BEING SANCTIFIED** are all **FROM** one FATHER (born from above) for which reason He is not ashamed to call them **brethren.**

This same two-part Truth is also seen in our SALVATION.

We HAVE **BEEN SAVED** and We are **BEING SAVED** day by day.

Ephesians 2:4-10 GOD, being **RICH IN MERCY**, because of **HIS great love with which He loved us**, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, **made us alive** together with CHRIST, **by GRACE you HAVE BEEN SAVED**, 6 and **raised us up** with HIM, and **seated us** with HIM in the heavenly places in CHRIST JESUS, 7 so that in the ages to come He might show the **surpassing riches of HIS GRACE** in kindness toward us in CHRIST JESUS. 8 For by **GRACE you HAVE BEEN SAVED** through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the **gift of GOD**; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

See also: 2 Tim. 1:9; Titus 3:5

1 Corinthians 1:18-19 For **The Word of The Cross** is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are **BEING SAVED** it is the power of GOD.

Philippians 2:12-13 **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** (OUR RESPONSIBILITY) 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.

You CAN **work out** your salvation because GOD is **at work in you**, both **to will** and to **work** for HIS good pleasure.

The **ETERNAL TRUTH: I AM SANCTIFIED, HOLY, SAVED FOREVER**
By The **PRECIOUS BLOOD** of our SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

The **EARTHLY PICTURE -> WE ARE TO BECOME HOLY -> BE WHAT WE ARE, WORK OUT OUR SALVATION** as we **OBEY** The HOLY SPIRIT and walk in VICTORY over the evil one's harassment.

Thanks be to GOD, who GIVES US THE VICTORY through our LORD JESUS CHRIST. 1 Corinthians 15:57

Romans 10:9-10 if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and **BELIEVE** in your **heart** that God raised Him from the dead, **you will be SAVED** (eternal salvation, proven by . . .) 10 for **with the heart a person believes**, resulting in **RIGHTEOUSNESS** (Right standing before The LORD. For this righteousness all that is required is to believe. The Sacrifice and Blood of Jesus paid the price for us) and with **THE MOUTH he confesses**, resulting in **SALVATION**.

- A True Believer WILL CONFESS, WILL SPEAK and call upon the Name of The LORD and BE SAVED. (vs.11) Not only for eternal salvation but day by day Salvation as he declares the Sword of The SPIRIT which is The WORD of GOD
- Matthew 12:34 the **mouth speaks** out of that which fills the **heart**.
- Revelation 12:10-11 Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. 11 And **they overcame him** because of (1) the **Blood of the LAMB** and (2) because of **THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY** (spoken & declared) and they did not love their life even when faced with death.

The Believer is told to Put on the Breastplate of **Righteousness** to protect his heart.

Righteousness also **has been provided** and **given**, but **WE PUT The Shield ON** when the belief of our heart invades and fills our head, our mind and we live it out.

In Closing:

As **OBEDIENT children, DO NOT** be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, ¹⁵ but **like** the **HOLY ONE** who **called** you, **be HOLY YOURSELVES** also **in ALL YOUR BEHAVIOR;** ¹⁶ because it is written,

YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY. 1 Peter 1:14-16

THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF SALVATION

I HAVE BEEN SAVED. ETERNAL SALVATION

- From **Sins Penalty** -> DEATH Ephesians 2:1-9 John 5:24
 - When? When I **Believed** the Gospel Romans 1:16
 - My part -> **Faith / Believe** Romans 3:22, 24, 26, 28; 4:5
1 Corinthians 1:21 2 Timothy 1:9 Titus 3:5
 - This is the doctrine of: **JUSTIFICATION**
Romans 5:9 By His Blood. 5:10 By His Death.
 - You "**In Christ**" John 10:28-29 Romans 8:1 1Cor. 1:2, 30; 15:22
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I AM BEING SAVED. DAY by DAY SALVATION

- From **Sins Power**: Romans 6:2-23
- When? As take up my cross! Luke 9:23
- My Part: Obedience 1 Peter 1:22; 2:2 Luke 6:46-49
- This is the Doctrine of **SANCTIFICATION**
1 Corinthians 1:18 2 Cor. 2:15 Philippians 2:12 1Tim. 4:16 James 1:21
- **Christ in you** Galatians 2:20; 4:19

- SIN ALLOWS SATAN'S ASSAULT: Luke 22:31 Ephesians 4:27

He can attack you and cause great hurt, harm and problems but you **do not lose your Eternal Salvation** because of the intercession of JESUS CHRIST, our High Priest, appealing to what His Blood has accomplished for you
Hebrews 7:25

I SHALL BE SAVED. Romans 13:11 Hebrews 9:28 1 Peter 1:5

- From **Sins Presence**: By the redemption of my body
 1. By Death: Philippians: 1:21-24 2 Corinthians 5:6-8
 2. By the Coming of the Lord: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
2 Corinthians 15:50-57, 35-44 Romans 8:11, 16-23
- When? At the last trumpet.
- My Part: **Perseverance / Endurance** Matthew 10:22: 24:13
Romans 2:7; 5:3; 8:25; 15:4 2 Thessalonians 1:4 1 Timothy 6:11
2 Timothy 3:10 Hebrews 10:32-39 James 1:12 2 Peter 1:5-6
Revelation 3:10
- This is the Doctrine of **GLORIFICATION.** Philippians 3:20-21

What God Begins, He Finishes YOU CAN COUNT ON IT !

Revelation 21:1-8 Romans 8:29-30 Ephesians 1:9-11 Hebrews 12:2