

Personal Responsibilities

How are we Sanctified?

Do you remember lesson 8 New Members Orientation?

Lesson 8 Separation Sanctification

Hagiazō: to separate from a disrespectful to a sacred use; to set apart self wholly to God and His service. The primary meaning is separation. It means to be made holy (sacred, consecrated, hallowed) only when a person or thing need to be cleansed from sin or defilement in order for them to be fit for the Master's use.

Hence, there is a twofold meaning of sanctification:

1) Separation from evil -- 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7 "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor; not in the lust of concupiscence, (powerful feelings of physical desire) even as the Gentiles which know not God: That no man go beyond and defraud (deceive, swindle, or cheat) his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. For God, hath not called us unto uncleanness (dirty dogs); but unto holiness (spiritual cleanliness)."

See also: 2 Chronicles 29:5, 15-18.

King Hezekiah purifies/consecrates the Temple.

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2) Consecrated (set apart) to God

What else have we consecrated for God's use only?

1. The building itself; (the sanctuary (the refuge, the safe place, the shelter or house of God)).

2. The Communion table, the chairs, the pews, the carpet, the pulpit, the choir stand, the church dining room, the church paper, pencils, programs, hymn books, bibles, etc, all of this has been set apart to God.

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What is Sanctification? To set apart; to be holy, to be saintified ... or

The practice of true SPIRITUAL LIVING

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Sanctification has THREE PARTS

Part 1 – Positional Sanctification – the position we enjoy by simply being in the family of God by benefit of faith in Christ.

- 1 Cor. 6:11 – one act of faith cleansed us
- 1 Cor. 1:2 – The CORINTHIANS POSSESSED POSITIONAL SANCTIFICATION!
- Hebrews 10:10 – there is nothing we did outside of faith in Christ to acquire Positional Sanctification

Part 2 – Present experiential or Progressive Sanctification – This is the work of CONTINUATION of the Sanctification Process.

- 1 Peter 1:16 – now we **must** strive to **be** holy like God
- 1 Thess. 4:3–4 -- we must try harder
- Romans 8: 26–29 – God has a plan allows us to progress in our sanctification

Part 3 – Ultimate Sanctification --

- This is the state wherein our practice and position are in perfect according to 1 John 3:1–3 – we **SHALL BE** like Him.
- Ephesians 5:26–27 – we **shall be** without stain or blemish
- Jude 24–25 – He is able to keep us from falling

How are we Sanctified?

- God's the Father's Role
 - Jesus asked God to sanctify us John 17:17
 - Paul also prayed 1 Thess. 5:23–24
 - Phil 1:6 – God began the work
- God the Son's Role
 - Gal 2:20
 - Eph. 5:26–27
 - Christ's death gives us the door to sanctification (Positional Sanctification_ Heb 13:12, 10:10, and He is the agent of Progressive Sanctification – Heb. 2:11)
- God the Holy Spirit's Role
 - 2 Cor. 3:18; Rom 5:5; 8:13; Gal 5:22–23
 - He has the most major role – 2 Cor. 3:18, Rom. 5:5 and 8:13
 - Gal 5:22–23 -- The Fruit of the Spirit

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- The Believer's Role in Sanctification:
 - 1 Cor. 10:14
 - 2 Cor. 7:1
 - 2 Tim 2:22
 - This is a partnership according to Phil 2:12–13
 - 1 Cor. 10:14
 - Rom 8:13
 - Rom. 13:14
 - 2 Cor. 7:1
 - 1 Tim 4:7,15
 - 2 Tim 2:22
 - Gal 6:2

- The Believer must take The Word of God seriously
 - John 17:17
 - Acts 2:42
 - Matt 4:1–11
 - Avoid “spiritual schizophrenia” don’t get disconnected from the word says and what your life is doing.
 - Avoid “mysticism” i.e. “I don’t need the church anymore to teach me the Bible.”
- The Believer must always put an considerable amount of time into PRAYER.
 - Lk 18:1
 - Eph. 6:18–20
 - Phil. 4:6–7
 - Col. 4:2, 12
 - Heb 4:16
 - 1 Thess. 5:17 – pray without ceasing
 - 1 John 3:21–22; 5:14–15 – pray according to THE WILL OF GOD!
- The Believer must continue in Fellowship & Worship
 - We must meet together Acts 2:42–44 and Heb. 10:25
 - We must observe the ordinances – The Lord’s Supper & Baptism 1 Cor. 11:25
 - Witness to the unsaved 1 Cor. 14:24
 - Use of spiritual gifts 1 Cor. 12–14

Biblical References:

Positional Sanctification

Lawsuits against believers -- 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. 1:2 - The CORINTHIANS POSSESSED POSITIONAL SANCTIFICATION! ***to the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours:***

Hebrews 10:10 - there is nothing we did outside of faith in Christ to acquire Positional Sanctification ***And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.***

Present experiential or Progressive Sanctification -

1 Peter 1: 13-16 - now we **must** strive to **be** holy like God ³ ***Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."***

1 Thess. 4:3-4 -- we must try harder -- ***As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. ² For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. ³ It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you should learn to control your own body^[a] in a way that is holy and honorable,***

Romans 8: 26-29 - God has a plan allows us to progress in our sanctification

Present Suffering and Future Glory

¹⁸ ***I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that^[th] the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.***

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

Ultimate Sanctification --

This is the state wherein our practice and position are in perfect according to 1 John 3:1-3 – we SHALL BE like Him. **See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 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 Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.**

Ephesians 5:26-27 – we shall be without stain or blemish--

²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. ²² Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they

feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— ³⁰ for we are members of his body. ³¹ "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."^[c] ³² ***This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband***

Jude 24–25 – He is able to keep us from falling

How are we Sanctified?

God's the Father's Role

Jesus asked God to sanctify us John 17:17 -- ***"sanctify them by the truth, your word is the truth"***

Paul also prayed 1 Thess. 5:23–24 -- ***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. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.***

Phil 1:6 – God began the work -- ***he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.***

God the Son's Role

Gal 2:20 – ***I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.***

Eph. 5:26–27 – quoted in Progressive Sanctification above:

Christ's death gives us the door to sanctification (Positional Sanctification_ Heb 13:12, ***And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood.***

10:10, ***And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*** and He is the agent of Progressive Sanctification

Heb. 2:11) ***Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.***

God the Holy Spirit's Role

2 Cor. 3:18; ¹⁷ *Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.* ¹⁸ *And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate (consider or chew over) the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*

Rom 5:5; *Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.*

⁶ *You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

8:13; *For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.*

Gal 5:22-23 -- *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.*

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Gal 5:22–23 -- The Fruit of the Spirit

The Believer's Role in Sanctification:

1 Cor. 10:14 - ¹⁴ **Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry.** ¹⁵ **I speak to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say.** ¹⁶ **Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?** ¹⁷ **Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.**

¹⁸ **Consider the people of Israel: Do not those who eat the sacrifices participate in the altar?** ¹⁹ **Do I mean then that food sacrificed to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything?** ²⁰ **No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons.** ²¹ **You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; you cannot have a part in both the Lord's table and the table of demons.** ²² **Are we trying to arouse the Lord's jealousy? Are we stronger than he?**

2 Cor. 7:1 -- **Therefore, 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.**

2 Tim 2:22 -- **Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.**

This is a partnership according to Phil 2:12–13 -- **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, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.**

1 Cor. 10:14 -- **flee from idolatry**

Rom 8:13 -- **For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.**

Rom. 13:14 -- **Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh**

2 Cor. 7:1 -- **Therefore, 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 Tim 4:7,15 -- **Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly.** ⁸ **For physical training is of**

some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. ⁹ This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance. ¹⁰ That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.

*¹¹ **Command and teach these things.** ¹² Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, **but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.** ¹³ Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. ¹⁴ **Do not neglect your gift,** which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.*

2 Tim 2:22 -- *Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*

Gal 6:2 - *Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. ² Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. ⁴ Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, ⁵ for each one should carry their own load. ⁶ Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor. ⁷ Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸ Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. ⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.*

The Believer must take The Word of God seriously

John 17:17 -- *Sanctify them by^[a] the truth; **your word is truth.***

Acts 2:42 -- *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

Matthew 4:1-11 - Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted^[a] by the devil. ² After fasting forty days and forty

nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." ⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'^[a]" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'^[a]" ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'^[a]" ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

The Believer must always put an considerable amount of time into PRAYER.

Luke 18:1 -- Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

⁴ "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think,⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says.⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

Eph. 6:18-20 -- ***Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.***

Phil. 4:6-7 -- ***⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.***

⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—

Col. 4:2, -- Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

Heb 4:16 -- ***Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven,¹⁴ Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.***

1 Thess. 5:17 – pray without ceasing

1 John 3:21-22;

¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²²and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

5:14-15 – ***¹⁴ This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.***
pray according to THE WILL OF GOD!

The Believer must continue in Fellowship & Worship -- We must meet together

Acts 2:42-44 -- ⁴² *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*⁴³ *Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.* ⁴⁴ *All the believers were together and had everything in common.*

Heb. 10:25 -- ²⁴ *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,* ²⁵ *not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

²⁶ *If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left,*²⁷ *but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.*

We must observe the ordinances – The Lord's Supper & Baptism

1 Cor. 11:25 -- **Correcting an Abuse of the Lord's Supper**

¹⁷ *In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good.* ¹⁸ *In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it.* ¹⁹ *No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval.* ²⁰ *So then, when you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat,*²¹ *for when you are eating, some of you go ahead with your own private suppers. As a result, one person remains hungry and another gets drunk.* ²² *Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God by humiliating those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? Certainly not in this matter!*

²³ *For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread,* ²⁴ *and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."* ²⁵ *In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."* ²⁶ *For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

²⁷ *So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and*

blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. ²⁹ For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. ³⁰ That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. ³¹ But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment. ³² Nevertheless, when we are judged in this way by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be finally condemned with the world.

³³ So then, my brothers and sisters, when you gather to eat, you should all eat together. ³⁴ Anyone who is hungry should eat something at home, so that when you meet together it may not result in judgment.

Witness to the unsaved

1 Cor. 14:24 -- ²² Tongues, then, are a sign, not for believers but for unbelievers; prophecy, however, is not for unbelievers but for believers. ²³ So if the whole church comes together and everyone speaks in tongues, and inquirers or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are out of your mind? ²⁴ But if an unbeliever or an inquirer comes in while everyone is prophesying, they are convicted of sin and are brought under judgment by all, ²⁵ as the secrets of their hearts are laid bare. So they will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, "God is really among you!"

Use of spiritual gifts 1 Cor. 12-14