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What does the word sanctification mean to me?

Word definition

More than mere moral reformation of character, work of Holy Spirit bringing the whole nature more and more under the influence of the new gracious principles implanted in the soul in regeneration.

Being made holy, set aside, purified, also used in relation to other words like regeneration, justification and glorification.

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Sanctification is a progressive work of God and man that makes us more and more free from sin and like Christ in our actual lives.

Judge and Surgeon

Justification

Legal Standing

Once for all time

Entirely God's work

Perfect in this life

The same in all Christians

Sanctification

Internal Condition

Continuous throughout life

We cooperate

Not perfect in this life

Greater in some than in others

Stages of Sanctification

1) Sanctification has a definite beginning at regeneration.

(Titus 3:5; 1 John 3:9; 1 Cor.6:11; Acts 20:32; Rom. 6:11-18)

Titus 3:5 - 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.

1 John 3:9 - 9 No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.

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2) Sanctification increases throughout life.

(Rom. 6:12-13; Rom. 6:19; 2 Cor. 3:18; Phil.3:13-14; Col. 3:10; Heb. 12:14;
James 1:22)

Romans 6:12-13 - **12** Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. **13** Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

Stages of Sanctification

3) Sanctification is completed at death (for our souls) and when the Lord returns (for our bodies).

(Heb. 12:23; 2 Cor. 7:1; 1 Thess. 5:23; 1 Cor. 15:49)

1 Thess 5:23 Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Stages of Sanctification

4) Sanctification is never completed in this life.

(Matt. 5:48; 2 Cor. 7:1; 1Thess. 5:23; 1 John 3:6)

2 Cor 7:1 Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

Heart Check...

God and man cooperate in Sanctification

1) God's role in sanctification is *primary*.

(1 Thess. 5:23; Heb. 12:5-11; 1 Cor. 1:30; Heb. 12:2; 1 Peter 2:21; 1 John 2:6; 1 Peter 1:2; Gal. 5:22-23)

2) Our role in sanctification is *both passive* (yielding, surrender) *and active* (bring myself to Him); and it is *secondary*.

(Rom 6:13, 8:13, 12:1; Phil. 2:12-13; Heb. 10:24-25)

Sanctification affects the whole person

intellect: Col. 3:10; Rom. 12:1-2; Col. 1:10; 2 Cor. 10:5; emotions: Gal. 5:22; 1 Peter 2:11; 1 John 2:15; Rom. 6:17; will: Phil. 2:13; spirit: 2 Cor. 7:1; 1 Cor. 7:34; physical bodies: 1 Thess. 5:23; 2 Cor. 7:1; Rom. 6:12; 1 Cor. 6:13, 19-20

The Beauty and Joy of Sanctification

The more we grow in the likeness of Christ, the more we will personally experience the “joy” and “peace” that are a part of the fruit of the Holy Spirit, and the more we will draw near to the kind of life that we will have in heaven. (Gal. 5:22; Rom. 6:22; 14:17; 1 John 3:3)

Inner Healing and Deliverance

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