

Series: Doctrine of Salvation (3/14/18)

Title: Sanctification

Text: (1 Thes 4:1-7)

Definition: to be set apart unto God for God's use.

Set apart from Sin unto Holiness.

An Act of God where by He consecrates the believer apart for himself.

Consecrate ~ To make or declare to be sacred,
To set apart, dedicate, or devote,
to the service & worship of God;

Found over 1000 times in scripture.

3 Tenses of Sanctification

A. Positional Sanctification:

Referred to as The Initial Act of Sanctification

The Instantaneous act of God on the believer, where Christ sets our soul apart from sin.

The Believer has been Separated from the guilt & Penalty of Sin:

Christ imparts His Righteousness upon the believer.

(Eph 2:1-7)

Vs 1: *Dead* - Spiritually Dead. Can not please God.
The natural man is disobedient.

When a man receives Jesus Christ as his savior, he receives all the moral virtues of Christ.

God meets all the Laws requirements in the sinner through Christ.

(Ro 10:4) Christ is the end of the Law to the believer

When God looks at the position of a sinner, He sees the separated, sanctified, righteous, & perfect life of His son, Jesus Christ.

We never fear losing our standing with God, b/c it was Jesus' relationship with the Father that has brought about this for the sinner.

When Gods sees a believer, He sees the sinless life of Christ.

(1 Cor 6:11) *And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, & by the Spirit of our God*

They are NOT committing these sins now, **but** that these sins characterized them in the past.

Now they are justified (Declared righteous b/c of the work of the Lord Jesus Christ)

(Gal 2:20) It is not I that live, but the Savior living through me.

The Christian operates in 2 spheres. Spiritual/Physical
We live here on earth, but we are seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

The Trinity are involved in our salvation.

Father: He choice me in eternity past in Christ Jesus.

Jesus the Son: When He hung on the cross of Calvary

Holy Spirit: When I yielded to His conviction in time.
(Heb 2:11) We are One with God.
(Heb 10:10) Once for all
(Heb 10:14) One Offering.
(Heb 13:12,21) Made perfect by His perfect work.

All Saints are now equipped to do the will of God.

(1 Pet 1:2) *sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience*
(Col 2:10-15) The Law & all its penalty was nailed to the cross.
Christ has gotten the victory over satan&all his power
His resurrection was the show of it.

(Rom 6:11-22) Our Standing, or position is in Christ.
We are dead to sin, but alive unto Christ.
We don't have to let sin have control anymore,
because we have been set apart.

(Rom 6:13) We now have the power to yield ourselves unto God, because we have been sanctified.

(Rom 6:14-15) B4 I was saved, sin ruled over me.
I am no longer under the yoke of bondage.

(Rom 6:16) We now can choose whom we will obey & yield ourselves too.

(Rom 6:22) Made free from sin/made servants of God

All of this is a result of our positional sanctification.
(Col 3:1-4)

B. Progressive Sanctification:

The Believers Present Life.

Saved us from the Power of Sin.

A Believers life is to be more like Christ everyday.
This type of Sanctification is holiness being manifested in our daily living.

(Rom 12:1) We give God our body;
B/4 Salvation we used our bodies for sinful pleasure.
We want to use our body to bring God Glory.
(1 Cor 6:19-20) The Spirit of God dwells in us.
(Phil 1:20) We're privileged to magnify Christ.

Just as Christ took on a body to accomplish the Father's will, ***We Should*** also surrender our body so that God work His will through us.

(Rom 6:13) yield the members of our body to the Holy Spirit to the doing of God's work.

The OT sacrifices were dead sacrifices.

Jesus/Isaac were living sacrifices to the Glory to God.
(Rom 12:1) So we should be a living sacrifice also.

(Rom 12:1) "*Present*" a Once & For All commitment.
Everyday can be a worship experience as we submit our body to God.

(Rom 12:2) "*Transform*" Our life is to become holier & more like Christ everyday.

God expects that HIS holiness will affect the life of the believer.

The Holy Spirit, enables the believer to produce fruit. (Gal 5:22-25)

It is one thing to overcome the flesh & Not do evil, it is quite another to produce fruit.

The contrast between WORKS and FRUIT.

Machines do work, Life produce Fruit.

The Flesh Produces “*dead works*” (Heb 9:14)

The Spirit produces Living Fruit. (Rom 6:22)

Fruits mentioned in the Bible are...

(Rom 1:13) People won to Christ

(Rom 6:22) Holy Living

(Rom 15:26-28) Gifts/Offerings given to God

(Col 1:10) Good works

(Heb 13:15) Praise

Fruits relate to Christian Character. (Gal 5:22-24)

The Characteristics that God wants to see in the lives of Christians are seen in the 9 fold fruits of the Spirit.

That is how Paul maintained his Holy Optimism that kept him going as seen in (Phil 4:10-20)

God ward aspects of the Christian life.

Love, Joy, Peace

Man ward aspects of the Christian life.

Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness

Self ward aspects of the Christian Life.

Faith, Meekness, Temperance

When the Spirit produces fruit, God gets the Glory.

When the Flesh is at work, We get the glory.

We do not bear fruit for our consumption.

(1 Thes 2:11-12)

His children are to walk worthy of God.

Just as a father wants to be pleased with his children, so our Heavenly Father wants Glory from our lives.

Paul is asking the believers to walk in holiness

How do we know what pleases God?

By reading his word and by living with Him.

We get to know the heart of God, & that reveals to us the will of God.

(1 Thes 4:3) We are to obey God.

B4 we're saved, it was impossible to live a holy life.

After salvation we can, B/c we have the power of the Holy Spirit within him.

(Col 2:6) *As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:*

Our bodies weren't designed to be used for sin, but for God.

(2 Cor 6:14-18) Paul is talking about the nature of the believer & calling for separation from the World

It is the nature that determines association.

Illus: A Pig has a Pig's Nature, thus it associates with other pigs in a mud hole. A Sheep has a sheep nature and associates with other sheep in the flock.

Not Being Unequally yoked (Deut 22:10)

The Ox was a clean animal, the Ass was not.

Different natures: will not work well together.

Check out the Nouns, in (2 Cor 6:14-18)

Fellowship, Communion, Concord, Part, Agreement.

Concord~Symphony

God wants us to share in fellowship.

Enjoy Harmony and Agreement.

Paul saw Believers/Non-believers as a stark contrast.

The Nature of a Christian demands that they be separate from the World.

“ye” is a plural word, (2 Cor 6:16) referring to local church as a whole, not just the believer as an individual.

(2 Cor 6:17) *Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,*

(A reference from Isaiah.)

The spiritual application is the Separation of God's People from the World.

The Apostles emphasized Doctrinal & Spiritual Purity

We are to be separated from that which is false also.

We are not OF the World, but we are IN the world.

We are to Exercise Contact w/o Contamination.
(Phil 2:15) *That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;*

We are a light in a dark night.

Christians are Light Bearers.

Separation is not just a **Negative** act of Separating from the World, but also a **Positive** act of being separated unto God.

This all ties in with Progressive Sanctification

(Col 3:5-15) *“Put Off vs Put On”*

Paul is saying that there are some changes that should be taking place because of our Salvation.

We are to be putting off some of our old life and put on some new things.

We should be seeing a change.

A putting off of the sins from our old lives, and putting on the positive things of Christ.

(1 Thes 5:5) *Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.*

All Christians are children of Light, & of the Day.

(1 Thes 5:22) *Abstain from all appearance of evil.*

A balance in Christian living:

The Negative: “Abstain from all appearance of evil”

The Positive: (1 The 5:23)

Practical Sanctification: Daily dealing w/ our Sins.

(1 Tim 6:11-12) *But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.*

Being set apart & to be holier & holier each day.

This is how the believer is to live. (1 Pet 2:11-12)

As Christians we have to constantly be reminding ourselves that we are God's Child.

We are also Resident Aliens, Temporary, traveling toward the heavenly city.

We are also Soldiers, involved in a Spiritual Battle.

Our Battle is with inner passions, not people.

“**Gentile**”:= unsaved; They are watching us & looking for an excuse to reject the Gospel

There should be nothing in our conduct that would give the lost ammunition to ridicule Christ & the Gospel.

(Matt 5:16) *Let your light so shine before men...*

(1 Pet 2:24) Our Lord's Sacrifice, enables you & I to live unto Righteousness.

How to resist temptation & live above sin.

We all know what it means to be tempted.

Being tempted is not a sin.

Jesus was Tempted (Heb 2:17-18)(Heb 4:14-16)

(1 Jn 2:1) As our high priest, he is able to give us grace for when we sin.

When we sin, as our Advocate, he presents us before the Throne for forgiveness.

Several reasons God allows us to be tempted:

To Try their faith. (1 Pet 1:7) *That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:*

3 Hebrew children: Only by Fire, is Real faith proven
The Same fire that was meant to try them, burned away their bonds and set them free.

To keep you Humble & Dependent upon Him:

(1 Pet 5:6) *Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:*

To Cause us to know the victory that is in Christ,
(1 Cor 15:57) *But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

To Enable us to live win the Crown of life:

(James 1:2-4, 12) *My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. 12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.*

Your Outlook determine Out Come
Expect Trials, Expect Testing. (1 Pet 4:12)

Your Attitude determines your Actions
We can have joy in the midst of our trials.
If we live only for the present or pleasant, then the trials will make us bitter.

Give thanks in trials, Take on a joyful attitude.

To end in Joy, begin in Joy.
God always tests us to increase our faith,
Satan, Tests us to destroy our faith .
God always tests us to bring out the best in us.
Satan, tests us to bring out the worst in us.
(1 Thes 5:23)

God has a purpose in Trials as we trust Him.

Rewarded by Growth and Christian character.
Rewarded with a Crown.

Guidelines to follow concerning Temptation:

Watch and Pray (Matt 26:41)
Stay away from any situation that leads to
Temptation (Rom 16:19)
Abstain from all Appearance of Evil (1 Thes 5:22)
Transform from worldly thinking by the Renewing
of Our mind (Rom 12:1-2)

The Christian can defend against Temptation by:
Following Jesus' example of Rebuking the devil with
Scripture. (Matt 4:1-11)

Submit yourselves to God & Resist the devil (Jam 4:7)

Yield to God, & Reckon ourself dead to Sin
(Rom 6:2-11) (Gal 2:19)

Earnestly watch for the way of escape God has
provided (1 Cor 10:13)

When a Christian sins, God will Not forsake him.
God will forgive all who confesses his rebellion as
sin, (1 Jn 1:9)

Sin cannot break the Saints Relationship with God, it
can only break a saints fellowship with God.

How do we handle Doubtful things:

Can the believer do the action he is thinking about in
Jesus Name?

Can the believer do the action he is thinking about &
give thanks to the Father for it? (Col 3:17)

Can the believer do the action he is thinking about with the belief that he is pleasing God with it? (Rom 14:23)

Would the believer like to have God come back & find you doing it? (1 Thes 5:1-3)

The Means of Progressive Sanctification: (Jn 17:17)

A Daily time in the Scriptures sanctify the believer.

(2 Tim 3:16-17)

Read, Study, Submit to the Bible.

The Holy Spirit will give him what he needs to live above sin.

C. The Final Sanctification: The Completion of the Work on the Believer. (1 Thes 5:23)

When Christ returns at the Rapture.

The Believer has been saved & WILL be delivered from the Presence of Sin at the 2nd Coming.

(1 Thes 4:18-) Making us unable to sin ever again.

God will separate our body & Its iniquity. (Rom 6:7)

“he that is dead, is free from sin”

“The Day of Redemption” (Eph 4:30) *sealed unto the*

When the Lord returns, all His saints will have a glorified bodies

(1 Cor 15:35-38)

(John 12:23-28) Sow a grain of wheat, but the stalk will be even more glorious.

Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom

Our body is changed to be suited for Heaven. (1 Cor 15:42-48)

It will be planted in humility and raised in glory.

We received this body from the 1st Adam.

The resurrection body is suitable to a Spiritual Place.

The Resurrection body Completes the Work of Sanctification by God.

(Phil 3:21) The Believer will receive a glorified by, like the body of Christ.

(Col 3:4) *When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*

When Christ appears, we shall appear in His Glory.

(1 John 3:2)

Sanctification

1. The Believer has been saved from the guilt & Penalty of Sin:

2. The Believer has been Saved and Made Alive in Christ: Saved us from the Power of Sin.

3. The Believer has been saved and WILL be delivered from the Presence of Sin at the 2nd Coming.