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Redeemed #46 – Sanctification Part 5

Book Recommendation: *None*

5a – Concluding thoughts on Definitive Sanctification

Theologian John Murray wrote:

It is biblical to apply the term “sanctification” to this process of transformation and conformation. But it is a fact too frequently overlooked that in the New Testament the most characteristic terms used with reference to sanctification are used not of a process but of a once-for-all definitive act....We properly think of calling, regeneration, justification, and adoption as acts of God effected once for all and not requiring or admitting of repetition. It is of their nature to be definitive. But a considerable part of New Testament teaching places sanctification in this category. (John Murray, *Calvin Theological Journal: Definitive Sanctification*, 1967)¹

My definition of Definitive Sanctification is

In Jesus Christ, and by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the Christian is definitively and permanently made holy by being cleansed of their sin, purified, given new desires, and set apart for devotion to God and for God’s use.

Definitive vs Progressive

¹ <https://www.monergism.com/definitive-sanctification>

Christian Holiness

But...

5b – Introduction to Progressive Sanctification

1Th. 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. **24** He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

2Cor. 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.

Is Sanctification a Sin Meter?

Jesus as the Example

John 17:19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Luke 23:39 One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" **40** But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? **41** And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." **42** And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." **43** And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

AW Pink wrote:

If a gradual progressive work of the Spirit were necessary in order to fit the soul to dwell on high, then the dying thief was not qualified to enter Paradise the very day he first believed in the Lord Jesus. (AW Pink, *The Doctrine of Sanctification*, p60)

What is Progressive Sanctification?

5c – The Relationship between Definitive & Progressive Sanctification

1st – The Two Age Model

Matt. 12:32 And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

Mark 10:30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.

Luke 20:34 And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, **35** but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, **36** for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

Gal. 1:3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, **4** who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,

Eph. 1:20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, **21** far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

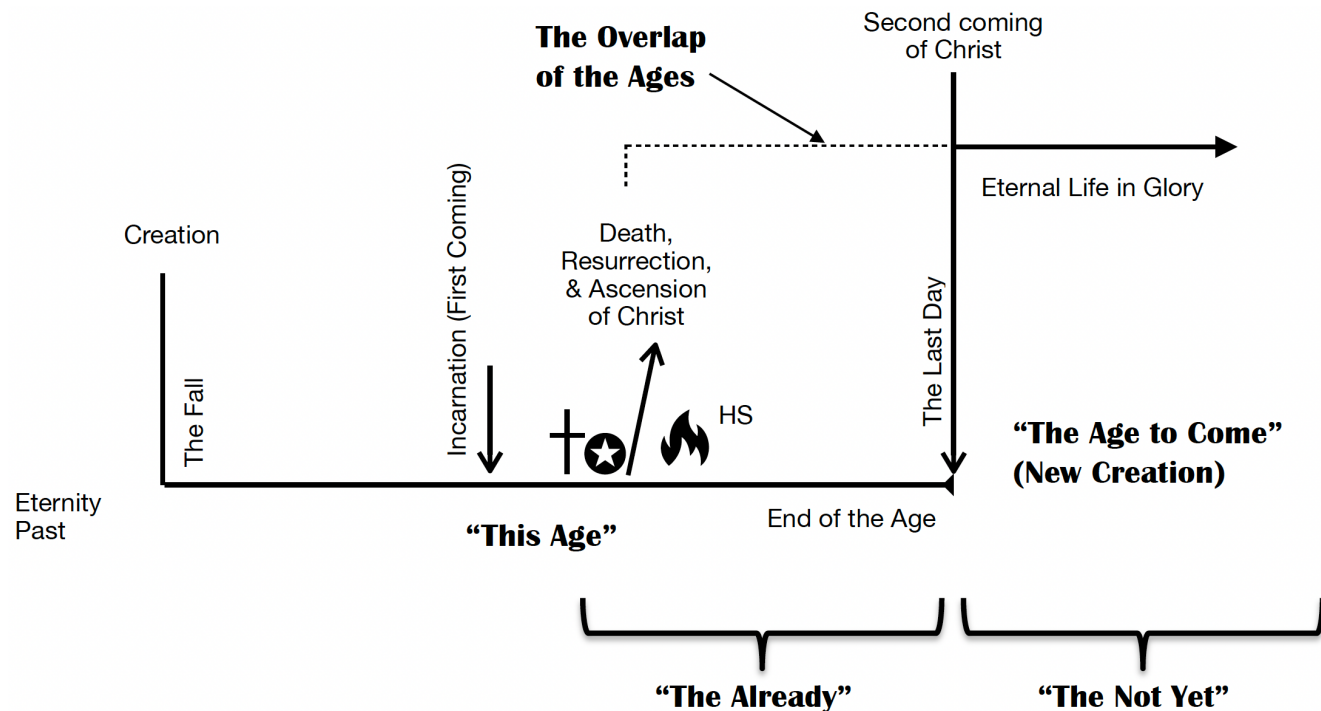
2Cor. 4:4 In their case the god of this world (age) has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

1Tim. 6:17 As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

Titus 2:12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,

Heb. 6:5 and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come,

2nd – The Ages Overlap



Theologian Anthony Hoekema wrote:

We have seen that what specifically characterizes New Testament eschatology is an underlying tension between the “already” and the “not yet.” The believer, so the New Testament teaches, is already in the eschatological era spoken of by the Old Testament prophets, but he is not yet in the final state. Already he experiences the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, but he still awaits his resurrection body. He is living in the last days, but the last day has not yet arrived. (Anthony Hoekema, *The Bible and the Future*, p68)

Tension & War

1Tim. 1:18 This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, **19** holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith,
1Tim. 6:12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.