

## Bible vs. Roman Catholic Church On Sanctification

Bible	Roman Catholic Church
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sanctification is always imperfect in this life:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 1 John 1:8 "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."</li> <li>b. James 3:2 "For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same <i>is</i> a perfect man, <i>and</i> able also to bridle the whole body."</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. The flesh always lusts against the Spirit in this life               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Romans 7:14, 19, 23-24</li> <li>b. Romans 8:7 "Because the carnal mind <i>is</i> enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."</li> <li>c. Galatians 5:17 "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would."</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. The law is truly unbearable: Acts 15:10 "Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?"</li> <li>4. From the Lord's Prayer Fifth Petition               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Matthew 6:12 "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. The example of the greatest of the Saints               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Job (9:3,20,28; 15:15)</li> <li>b. David (Psalms 32:5; 130:3; 143:2)</li> <li>c. Solomon (Prov. 20:9; 1 Kings 8:46)</li> <li>d. Isaiah (64:6)</li> <li>e. Daniel (9:5-6)</li> <li>f. Paul (Philippians 3:13)</li> <li>g. John and James (see #1 above)</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>Pope Innocent X condemns Jansen's propositions, one of which stated: "Some commands of God are impossible to righteous persons, willing and striving according to the present strength which they have; grace also in wanting to them, by which they would become possible."</p> <p>"If anyone should say the commands of God are impossible to be observed by the justified man, constituted under grace, let him be accursed." -Council of Trent, Canon 18</p>

1) The Truth: Sanctification is never complete in this life. There is no complete sanctification in this life. Our indwelling sin and the flesh ensure that we are not capable of keeping the whole law. Some may be capable of keeping it outwardly, but the inward requirements of the law show us that it is an absolute impossibility to fulfill the law. If it were capable to keep the whole law as a justified believer, we would not be instructed to pray daily for the forgiveness of sin, nor would the law truly be able to be called unbearable. However, the ongoing corruption of our natures due to original sin, prove that the law remain unbearable for us and that we must daily ask forgiveness for our sins according to the Lord's command.

2) The Roman Catholic Church benefits from their conception of sanctification because it guilts their members into looking to themselves to keep the whole law and to become entirely sanctified, and to pay the church for when they and their loved ones fail at this using indulgences and other man-made ordinances.