



Oceanside URC—Wednesday School of Theology

Holiness #3

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This is the will of God, your sanctification (1 Thess. 4:3)

*All page numbers are from J. C. Ryle, *Holiness: Its Nature, Hindrances, Difficulties, and Roots* (London: William Hunt and Company, 1879).

Chapter 2: “Sanctification”

- Reflect on Ryle’s statement that sanctification “is not an enemy, but a friend.” (22)

Nature of Sanctification

What is sanctification? (23–25)

1. Initial
 3. Continual
- How is this distinction useful for how we view the direction of our lives?
 - What does Ryle mean when he says, “He who supposed that Jesus Christ only lived and died and rose again in order to provide justification...is dishonouring our blessed Lord, and making Him only half a Saviour?” (24)

Ryle goes on to give twelve (!) propositions concerning sanctification (25–35):

1. Union
2. Regeneration
3. Holy Spirit
4. Election

5. Visible
6. Responsibility
7. Growth
8. Means
9. Conflict
10. Pleasing
11. Judgment
12. Necessary

Marks of Sanctification

Ryle gives five negative marks (35–39):

1. Not Talk
2. Not Feelings
3. Not Formalism
4. Not Monasticism
5. Not Occasional

Ryle gives five positive marks (39–43):

6. God's Law
7. Christ's Will
8. Paul's Standard

9. Active Graces

10. Passive Graces

Relation Between Justification and Sanctification

Ryle offers five similarities between the two (44):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Ryle offers eight dissimilarities (44–45):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

Application