

1 **GOD'S SALVATION PACKAGE: SANCTIFICATION**

- 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23

2 **SANCTIFICATION**

- 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4: For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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5 **SANCTIFICATION DEFINED**

- Dr. E. Harold Henderson: "To be sanctified means to be set apart as belonging to God."
- Westminster Shorter Catechism: Sanctification is "the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness."

6 **Set Apart**

- Taking something that is common and setting it apart for God's use alone
- Exodus 29:44: I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: I will sanctify also both Aaron and his sons, to minister to me in the priest's office.

7 **Usual sense of sanctification**

- Through a process begun at salvation to actually produce purity and holiness of conduct in the life of a Christian.

8 **SANCTIFICATION'S DESIGN**

- Romans 8:29: "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His son. . ."

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9 **Learn from the sculptor/artist**

10 **Learn from the Potter**

- Jeremiah 18:1-6: The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD saying: ² "Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear My words." ³ Then I went down to the potter's house, and there he was making something at the wheel. ⁴ And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make. ⁵

Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: ⁶ "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter?" says the LORD. "Look, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel!"

11 **Learn from the Lord**

- Psalm 139:14-16: I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my souls knows very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.

12 **SANCTIFICATION DEVELOPED**

- The Starting Point of Sanctification
 - Begins at regeneration
 - The past tense of sanctification
 - God sanctifies a believer the moment he is saved.
 - 1 Corinthians 6:11: And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

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- αγιαζω – hagiazo – to sanctify; consecrate; set apart; regard as holy
- Aorist – Happened once for all at time of salvation.
- Passive – God working out our cleansing, our sanctification and our justification at the moment we believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior.

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14 **Positional Sanctification**

- Means the believer has a new nature.
- 2 Peter 1:4: "By which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

15 **Positional Sanctification**

- Means the believer is joined to Jesus.
- Means the believer is indwelt by the Spirit of Christ.
- Romans 8:9: But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

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16 **Positional Sanctification**

- Means the believer is called by the name of Christ

- Called Christians 3 times.
- Called saints – Sanctified Ones 60 times.
- Means the believer is delivered from sin through Christ –
- Romans 6:6: Knowing this that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

17 **The Sustained Process of Sanctification**

- begins at our salvation
- continues as long as we live
 - Hebrews 10:14: "For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified."
 - Hebrews 2:11: "For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one..."

18 **A Partnership between us and God**

- Our Part:
 - Philippians 2:12: ". . . Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."
 - Romans 12:1-2: I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

19 **God's Part**

- God's will – 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4: For this is the will of God, your sanctification
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20 **God's Part**

- Philippians 2:13: ". . . for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.
- Philippians 1:6: "Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."

21 **The Problem**

- Romans 7:18-24: For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. ¹⁹ For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. ²⁰ Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. ²¹ I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. ²² For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. ²³ But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. ²⁴ O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

22 **The Plan**

- The Word – John 17:17, 19: Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.
- The Holy Spirit – Romans 8:11: But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

23 **The Process**

- Our physical bodies are deteriorating.
- Our spiritual man is getting progressively more like the Lord Jesus.
- A constant struggle – We must never give up.
- Mother's Cobbler

24 **The Successful Perfection of Sanctification**

- Past Tense – Sanctified in Christ
- Present Tense – A Process – Being Sanctified.
- Future Tense – At our death or at the Second Coming we will be changed – made perfect – like the Lord.
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25 **Perfection**

- Philippians 1:6: "He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."
- Philippians 3:20-21: for our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

26 **John Newton**

- "I am not what I might be, I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I wish to be, I am not what I hope to be. But I thank God I am not what I once was, and can say with the great apostle, 'By the grace of God I am what I am.'"