

The Doctrine of Salvation

A Study of the Ordo Salutis

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Sanctification – Made Like Christ

- “The blessing of sanctification is a benefit of the application of redemption that, though it begins at regeneration, is applied throughout the entirety of the Christian’s life. In sanctification, God, working especially by the Holy Spirit, separates the believer unto Himself (1 Cor. 1:2) and makes him increasingly holy, progressively transforming him into the image of Christ (Rom. 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18) by subduing the power of sin in his life and enabling him to bear the fruit of obedience in his life.” – MacArthur, pg. 632
- “Sanctification may be defined as that gracious and continuous operation of the Holy Spirit, by which He delivers the justified sinner from the pollution of sin, renews his whole nature in the image of God, and enables him to perform good works.” – Berkhof, pg. 513

Sanctification and Justification

- Justification is the once-for-all judicial declaration of righteousness that defines man's legal standing before God.
- Christ has secured legal (forensic) righteousness for the believer.
- **Imputation**
- Sanctification is a gradual, ongoing transformation of his nature.
- The Spirit progressively works practical righteousness in the believer.
- **Impartation**

Sanctified – past tense

- Positional Sanctification, or being sanctified (past tense – Heb. 10:14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.) has a definite beginning point at regeneration.
- Progressive Sanctification – present tense aspect of being made holy.
- The past tense refers to the fact that sanctification has been initiated (and will be completed). 1 Cor. 1:2 addresses those “sanctified in Christ Jesus.” And 1 Cor. 6:11 says, “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.”
- In salvation and through sanctification we are set free from the dominion of sin!

Sanctification – Called to Holiness

- Paul notes his sanctification is incomplete, so he presses on – Phil. 3:12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
- We are commanded to be transformed by renewing our mind – Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
- We are commanded to strive for (pursue) holiness – Heb. 12:14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

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- Growth in holiness: we must grow up in salvation and grow in grace. 1 Peter 2:2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby. 2 Peter 3:18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- We are not transformed into the image of Christ in an instant, but by degrees. 2 Cor. 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Sanctification – Body and Soul

- To the degree that we behold the glory of Christ we will be sanctified, so sanctification will be complete when we see Jesus face to face, beholding Him in all of His glory.
- 1 Cor. 13:12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.
- 1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.
- However, the soul is sanctified at death, but the body will not be completely sanctified until the resurrection. Hebrews 12:23 refers to “the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect,”

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- Bodily transformation
- Philippians 3:20 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.
- 1 Cor. 15:42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. 43 It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. 44 It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.
- 1 Cor. 15:51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

The Nature of Sanctification

- It is a **supernatural work of God** (as is all of our salvation from start to finish). It is a divine operation of the Spirit upon the soul of the believer, disposing him to holiness and obedience.
- Phil. 2:13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.
- It is described as a work of God – 1 Thess. 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. Hebrews 13:20 Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, 21 make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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- It is described as fruit produced by Christ in us.
- John 15:4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.
- Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.
- It is not a work of man although it enables us to cooperate with the means of sanctification, the truth of the Word of God.
- John 17:17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.
- Eph. 3:16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man

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- It involves the Mortification of the Old Man, the flesh, the body of sin.
- 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.
- Galatians 5:24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
- It also involves the quickening of the new man, created in Christ Jesus unto good works.
- Romans 6:4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection.
- Col. 3:1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

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- It affects the whole man, body, soul, intellect, emotions, and will.
- Sanctification takes place in the inner man and the evidence then is “worked out” in the whole of who we are.
- 1 Thess. 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.
- Romans 6:12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.
- 1 Cor. 6:20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

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- Sanctification and the Soul (Mind, Will, Emotions)
- Understanding – Jer. 31:34 No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.” John 6:45 It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.
- The Will – Ezekiel 36:25 Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.
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- The Passions (Emotions) – Galatians 5:24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
- The Conscience – Titus 1:15 To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled. Hebrews 9:14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

The Means of Sanctification

- “God works in us and we also work. Because God works we work. All the working out of salvation on our part is the effect of God’s working in us.” – John Murray (*Redemption Accomplished and Applied*, pg. 148)
- We strive for holiness (Heb. 12:14), put to death the deeds of the body (Rom. 8:13), flee sexual immorality (1 Cor. 6:18), pursue righteousness (2 Tim. 2:22), and cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit (2 Cor. 7:1).

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- The Means that we Cooperate with and Use include:
- The Word of God – Psa. 1:2-3; 19:7-11; 119:105; John 17:17; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Heb. 4:12; James 1:23-25
- Prayer – Psa. 119:37; Luke 11:9; Phil. 4:6-7; Heb. 4:16; James 4:2; 1 John 1:9
- Fellowship with the Saints in the context of the local church – Prov. 27:17; 1 Cor. 12:7; Eph. 4:11-16; Heb. 3:12-13; 10:24-25
- Providential guidance (the leading of the Spirit interpreted according to Scripture), including trials – Rom. 8:28-29; Psa. 119:71; Rom. 3:3-5; 8:17; Phil. 3:10-11; Heb. 12:10; 1 Peter 1:3-7
- Obeying the Word of God – John 15:10

How Does Sanctification Work?

- Apprehending the glory of Christ with the eyes of faith.
- 2 Cor. 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.
- Hebrews 12:2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- Ephesians 1:18 - the eyes of your understanding being enlightened
- 2 Cor. 4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

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- Walk by Faith
- Colossians 2:6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, 7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.
- Ephesians 4:1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
- Colossians 1:9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;

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- 1 Thess. 2:11 as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children, 12 that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory. 13 For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, **the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.**
- Conclusion: Strive to see the Glory of Christ with the eyes of faith in your daily walk, today, and every day until you see Him face to face.