

## Spiritual Growth

1 Thessalonians 5:23-28

Regeneration is \_\_\_\_\_. Sanctification is \_\_\_\_\_.

- I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of sanctification (3:13; 4:3, 7; Rom 8:29-30)
- II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of sanctification
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_ sanctification - I have been made holy in the past (Heb 10:10, 14).
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_ sanctification - I am being made holy in the present (Rom 6:12-13; 1 Pet 2:9, 11).
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_ sanctification - I have been made holy in the past (23; 1 Jn 3:2; Phil 3:20-21).
- III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of sanctification (23-24; 2 Pet 1:5; Col 1:28-29; Phil 2:12-13)
- IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ of sanctification (23)
- V. The \_\_\_\_\_ of sanctification (23)
- VI. The \_\_\_\_\_ of sanctification (26-28)

[Sanctification is] the work of God's free grace (2 Thess 2:13), whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God (Eph 4:23-24), and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness (Rom 6:4, 6).

- *Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 35*

Sanctification is the principle of grace savingly wrought, whereby the heart becomes holy, and is made after God's own heart. A sanctified person bears not only God's name, but His image.

- *Puritan Thomas Watson*

We believe that sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration; and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means—especially the Word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness, and prayer.

- *New Hampshire Baptist Confession, Article X*