

**SANCTIFICATION  
BASICS OF THE FAITH  
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**X. Of Sanctification**

We believe that Sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of His holiness (1); that it is a progressive work (2); that it is begun in regeneration (3); 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 (4).

1. 1 Thess. 4:3; 5:23; 2 Cor. 7:1; Eph. 1:4
2. Prov. 4:18; 2 Cor. 3:18; 2 Pet. 1:5-8; Phil. 3:12-16
3. 1 John 2:29; Rom. 8:5; John 3:6; Phil. 1:9-11; Eph. 1:13-14
4. Phil. 2:12-13; Eph. 4:11-12; 1 Pet. 2:2; 2 Pet. 3:18; 2 Cor. 13:5; Luke 9:23; Matt. 26:41; 1 Ti 4:16; Eph. 6:18; 4:30

Justification vs. Sanctification

<b>Justification</b>	<b>Sanctification</b>
Legal standing	Internal condition
Once for all time	Ongoing and continuous throughout life
Entirely God's Work	We cooperate
Perfect in this life (at the moment of repentance and faith)	Not perfect in this life
The same in all Christians	Greater in some than others (one of the struggles in maintaining unity)

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**1 Thessalonians 4:3** *For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality;*

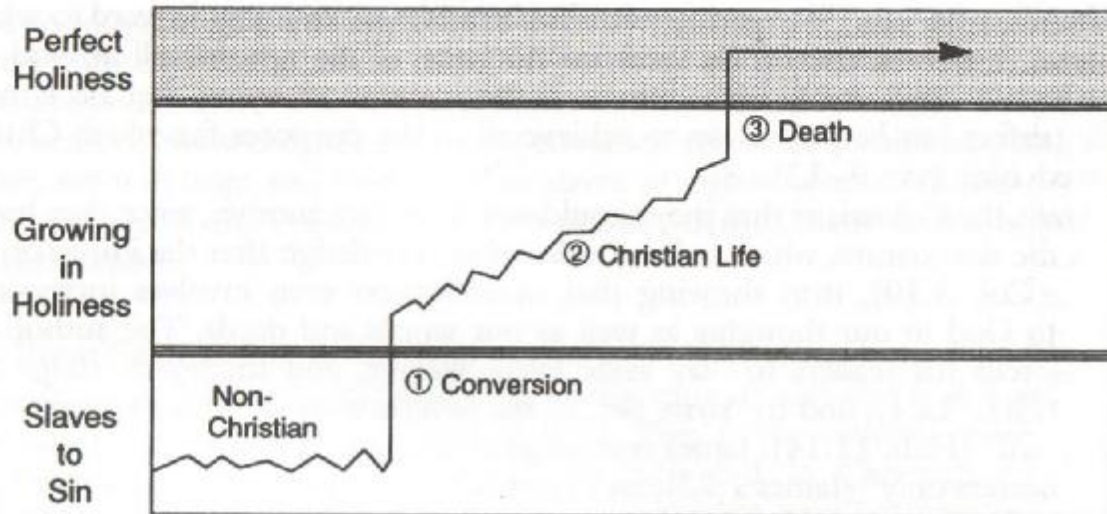
**2 Corinthians 7:1** *Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.*

***that it is a progressive work, that it is begun in regeneration***

**1 John 2:29** *If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.*

**1 Corinthians 6:11** *And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.*

**2 Corinthians 3:18** *And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*



**THE PROCESS OF SANCTIFICATION**  
Figure 38.1

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**1 John 1:8** *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

**Romans 8:28-29** *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.*

***and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter***

**1 Thessalonians 5:23** *Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Philippians 2:12-13** *Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. sanctification is a gracious gift of God.*

***in the continual use of the appointed means – especially the Word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness, and prayer***

**Hebrews 12:1-2** *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

### Motivations

**John 14:15** *“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”*

**Romans 13:5** *Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.*

**2 Timothy 2:20-21** *Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. 21 Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.*

**1 Peter 3:1-2** *Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, 2 when they see your respectful and pure conduct.*

**Matthew 6:19-20** *“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.”*

### Self-Examination

**2 Corinthians 13:5** *Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!*

**Romans 8:13** *For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*

### Self Denial:

**Luke 9:23** *And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”*

**2 Corinthians 5:14-15** *For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; 15 and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.*

## Watchfulness

**1 Timothy 4:16** *Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.*

**Proverbs 4:23** *Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.*

## Prayer:

**Matthew 6:6** *But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.*

**1 Thessalonians 5:17** *pray without ceasing,*

## Trials and Suffering:

**James 1:2-4** *Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*

**Romans 5:3-4** *Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,*