"All of Jesus for All the World!" 'Christ our Sanctifier' Romans12:1-2, 1 Corinthians 6:720; Romans 8:1-17

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"Sanctification is not a work of nature, but a work of grace. It is a transformation of character effected not by moral influences, but supernaturally by the Holy Spirit." — Charles Hodge

SANCTIFICATION Refers broadly to the concept of being set apart as sacred. In <u>Gen 2:3</u>, God "sanctified" the seventh day, meaning He set it apart as sacred. In Leviticus, <u>Yahweh</u> tells the entire people of Israel to maintain being sanctified (<u>Lev 11:44–45</u>). This aspect of the concept of sanctification is closely related to <u>holiness</u> and <u>biblical regulations for maintaining purity</u>.

Sanctification like salvation is a process that was initiated by God, and it finishes upon the death of a believer!

1.) What sanctification is not! John 17:19

- A. It is not conversion or regeneration!
 - a. Difference between building a house and filling it.
- B. It is not a one-time event Romans 12:1-2
- C. It is not morality.
 - a. You can't build up a good character on your own and think it will last.
- D. It is not your own doing or effort. Philippians 4:13
- E. It is not the work of death. Romans 6:6
 - a. Sin is deep within your spirit.
- F. It is not self-perfection. 1 John 2:1
- G. It is not a state of emotion.
 - a. It is a dedicated choice to serve God over yourself.

2.) What Sanctification is!

- A. It is separation from sin. Deuteronomy 14:2
- B. It is a complete dedication to the Lord.

Proverbs 1:3, 9

- C. It is conforming to the image of Christ. Romans 8:29 1 Corinthians 15:49
- D. Is submission to God's will above our own. James 4:7
- E. It is supreme love to God and others. Matthew 22:37-39

3.) We were made for more! 1 Corinthians 6:7-20

- A. We can deceive ourselves to think our actions aren't that bad. V7-10
 - a. In doing so we are blinded by the effects of our sin.
- B. Paul reminds the church that is who they used to be, but we are not justified and have the spirit of God inside of us! V!!
- C. Just because you can doesn't mean you should. V12-13
- D. We are to be raised to a newness of life by the power of Christ into a new life in Him. V 14
- E. We carelessly take Christ into areas that His holiness does not belong. V 15-17
 - a. We need to be united to Christ and not to the world!
- F. We need to flee from sexual immorality because we are the temple of the Holy Spirit! V 18-19
- G. We were bought at a great price and that is why we honor God with our lives! V 20

4. The deeper life!

- A. Christ is the source of all sanctification John 17:9
 - a. He has purchased it for us
 - b. It is given to us by the purchase of Jesus on the cross.
 - c. It is a free gift and part of our redemption!
 - d. It is personal. Galatians 2:20
 - e. It is the spirit of the Living God living in us. Ezekiel 36:25-28
- B. It comes by living a life in the Spirit Romans 8:1-17
 - a. We are no longer condemned but walk in freedom from sin and death. V 1-2
 - b. We do not live according to the flesh but in the Spirit V2-4
 - c. Dedication to the flesh brings death, dedication to the Spirit gives life. V5-8
 - i. You can't please God and live in the flesh.
 - d. If the Spirit of the living God dwells inside of the believer. V 9-12
 - i. If you don't have the Spirit of Christ in you are not saved.
 - ii. If the same spirit who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, what can conquer you?
 - e. We have an obligation to yield to the spirit V 12-13
 - f. We are so blessed when we walk in the Spirit of God. V14-17

Closing Questions!

- 1.) Do you depend on your own strength or Christ's to change you?
- 2.) How is your life different today because He is your savior?
- 3.) Are you tired of trying to do things on your own strength?
- 4.) Do you want to live a blessed Christian life?