

Soteriology: Studies Concerning Salvation

Lesson 11. Sanctification

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Review:

- A. Three phases of Christian Life...
 - 1. Justification (moment of salvation) – getting saved Saved from the penalty of sin
 - 2. Sanctification (daily life) Saved from the power of sin
 - 3. Glorification (eternity) Saved from the presence of sin
- B. What must I do to be saved?
 - 1. The work of Jesus on the cross; a free gift
 - 2. Our response: Saved by Grace through Faith
- C. Justified – declared righteous!
- D. Blessings in Christ; A new creation; Our Identity in Christ
 - It's all about Him and what He did for us!

Sanctification

I. Introduction: What does sanctification mean?

- ✓ Are you a saint?
- ✓ Are you sanctified?
 - ◆ The words “holy,” “saint,” and “sanctified” come from the same Greek and Hebrew word groups.
 - ◆ Both Hebrew and Greek words contain the basic element of “being set apart.” Consecration and devotion for service to God are in view. Items or persons set apart for God were to remain free from contamination or defilement.
 - ◆ To be holy, or sanctified, or to be called a saint is to be set apart from sin, devoted for service to God.

II. Sanctification is used to refer to individuals in three ways.

- A. Sanctification at the moment of salvation (1 Corinthians 1:2)
 - We are considered holy because of our relationship to the saving work of Christ.
 - We are called saints.
 - We are set apart from sin. (redeemed)
 - We are set apart for service to God.
- B. Sanctification in Daily Christian life
 - ◆ Now, the fun part – what we get to do! Participate in our daily sanctification.
 - Since we are set apart from sin... we are to pursue righteousness.
 - Since we are set apart for service to God... we are to produce good works and bear fruit.
- C. Sanctification in our future eternal state
 - Romans 8:29 Predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son.

Sanctification in Daily Christian Life

I. We are given the Holy Spirit.

Sanctification... The progressive outworking of the new life implanted by the Holy Spirit.

A. Explanation

1. "The Good News" ... He sent us His Spirit!
2. We receive the Holy Spirit.
 - a. We are born of the Spirit.
(regeneration; born again; alive in Christ)
 - b. We are indwelled by the Holy Spirit.
(conflict between flesh and Spirit!)
 - c. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to bear fruit...
 - 1) fruit of the Spirit
 - 2) gifts of the Spirit

B. This part of the good news has been missing for a long time!

Justified by faith... glorified in heaven... but what about now???

- We have excepted a world shaped Christian life rather than a Holy Spirit empowered Christian life.
The outcome for our nation has been devastating.
- Sanctification in daily life occurs as we order our lives to be empowered by the indwelling Holy Spirit.

II. We are a new creation in Christ Jesus.

A. We have a new identity. Review "Blessings in Christ."

B. We have a new heart.

1. Desire
His desires.
"Apart from You I desire nothing on earth."
2. Intellect
Ability to grow in God's word and develop the mind of Christ
Biblical world view as the Spirit of God teaches us step by step.
3. Will (goals, choices)
Pursue His will. (compare Jesus – "Not my will, but His will")
Seek His kingdom and His righteousness.
Whatever you do in word or deed, do all... for His glory.
4. Emotion
Ultimate joy is in the Lord, not in the pleasures of the world.

C. Why does American Christianity appear to be so weak?

We were told repeatedly how to get saved, but very little on how to live as a child of God destined for glory.

III. We participate in the process of daily sanctification.

- ❖ Maybe this is most of the problem – it is not that God is ineffectual (we will be glorified) but he allows us to participate in this daily process!

A. Scripture

 II Corinthians 7:1 “Let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

 John 17:17 “Sanctify them in the truth, Your word is truth.”

- ✓ What is indicated as crucial to being set apart from sin and set apart for God's purposes in your daily life?

 I Peter 1:15

Justification – confess, acknowledge the person of Christ; He is the Lord

Sanctification – live with Him as Lord of your life (of your heart!)

He is the master of my heart!

1. He is the Lord (master) of my Desire – apart from you I desire nothing on earth (He fills my every need for security, significance, acceptance)
2. He is the Master of my thinking – bring every thought captive to obedience to Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:5; Colossians 3:1-4)
3. He is the Master of my Will – for me to live is Christ, to die is gain. It is no longer I who lives, but Christ lives in me, and the life that I now live I live by faith in the one who died for me.
4. He is the Master of my Emotions –
Rejoice in the Lord always
We love because He first loved us;

- ✓ He is Lord! Have I sanctified Him as Lord? Have I yielded my heart to my Lord and Savior. Am I experiencing Him as the master of my life?

B. Illustration: What phrases describe daily sanctification?

- Romans 6:4 Walk in newness of life
- Romans 12:2 Be transformed (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- II Peter 3:18 Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ
- Ephesians 4:14-16 Grow up into Christ
- Philippians 3:14 Pressing toward the mark
- Colossians 2:7 Built up in the faith
- I Timothy 6:11 Pursue righteousness (cf. Justified); 2 Timothy 2:22
- Ephesians 4:22-24 Put off / put on our new nature
- Galatians 5:16 Walk by the Spirit

C. What hinders our pursuit of sanctification in our daily life?

1. Do you have enemies! (Satan, world, flesh)
 - a. Does Satan want you to be more like Christ?
 - b. World – activities, attractions ... discontent with what I have; don't think God is providing all my needs.
 - c. Flesh – Noticed my desires are not always godly!
Angered when things don't go my way or how I think they should go

IV. The outcome of daily Sanctification

- A. Sin is lessened.
Deeds of flesh vs. fruit of the Spirit; Not persisting in sin
- B. Fruit increases
Bearing fruit (prove to be my disciples)
- C. Good deeds are evident
Our testimony to others who see your good works
Created for good works
- D. We see the evidence of having been justified by God and that gives us an assurance of our salvation.
 1. obedience to God's word
 2. loving others
 3. pursuing the practice of righteousness

Cf. the characteristics of being and making disciples.
- E. You are blessed both now and in eternity.
- F. God is glorified!

Application:

- In my daily life I am committed to pursuing holiness (sanctification) by being set apart from sin and set apart for service to God.
- I plan to take the following steps to pursue godliness and Christ-likeness in my life...
 - Daily...
 - Weekly...
 - Over the next month...
 - Over the next year...
