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Redeemed #48 – Sanctification Part 7

Book Recommendation: Jerry Bridges, *Pursuit of Holiness*

7a - Definitions

Sanctification, sanctify, sanctified: Basic definition includes the Old Testament idea of “consecration,” meaning someone or something has been washed, purified, and set apart for God’s use.

Traditionally in theology, concept is divided into 2 categories or 2 aspects:

1. Definitive Sanctification: Fulfilled in Jesus Christ, and by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the Christian is definitively, positionally, and permanently made holy by being washed of their sin, purified, given new godly desires, and set apart for devotion to God and for God’s use.
2. Progressive Sanctification: In time and space (the Christian life) we simultaneously live in the Realm of Sin and the Kingdom of God, which means we face a war of rulers around us & within us. God by his Holy Spirit & His Word is constantly pulling us back to our redeemed identity as His sanctified children. He protects us and repeatedly bring us back to himself through repentance. As we mature as believers, we partake of Realm of Sin less often & return to God quicker, and exhibit more of His character.

Holiness:

Christian holiness is to be fully 100% devoted to God relationally and devoted to the expression of God’s glory without any divided commitment, which makes us fully set apart and different from the world. As we are set apart from the evil of this world, we are kept pure and undefiled and living in a way that aligns with God’s own character.

7b – Progressive Sanctification: Dead to Sin & Alive to God

Rom. 5:15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. **16** And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. **17** For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. **18** Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. **19** For as by the one man’s

disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. **20** Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, **21** so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rom. 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

Rom. 6:2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

Rom. 6:3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. **5** For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Rom. 6:6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. **7** For one who has died has been set free from sin.

Indicatives & Imperatives

Rom. 6:8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. **9** We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **10** For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.

Rom. 6:11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Christian Responsibility

Phil. 2:12 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.

7c – Progressive Sanctification: Do Not Let Sin Reign

Rom. 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.

Rom. 6:13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. **14** For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Holy Living

Rom. 12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Rom. 6:15 What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!
16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? **17** But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, **18** and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

Rom. 6:19 I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

Reformed Theologian John Murray comments here:

Notwithstanding the opinion of some able commentators...here, as well as vs. 22, does not most suitably refer to a process but to the state of holiness or consecration. (John Murray, *NICNT Romans*, p234)

Rom. 6:20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. **21** But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. **22** But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. **23** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.