

What is Sanctification? Lesson 2 – God and Man Cooperate in Sanctification

Introduction:

- There are 3 basic stages of sanctification:
 - When we are born again, the Holy Spirit washes us from the stain of sin and releases us from the power of sin.
 - Throughout the remainder of our Christian lives, the Holy Spirit works in us to purify us from sinful behavior.
 - Only at our death will our sanctification be completed.
- God and man _____ together in sanctification.

Phil 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, **13 work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and work for his good pleasure**

1. Sanctification is primarily the work of _____.

A. God actively works in us to enable us to _____ to do His will and to _____ His will.

Phil 2.13 for it is God who works in you, both to **will** and to **work** for his good pleasure.

- Whatever God commands of us, He also gives the _____ to obey.

1 Th 5.23–24 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. **24 He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.**

Heb 13.20-2 Now may the God of peace...equip you with everything good that you may do his will, **working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.**

- God primarily works through the _____ _____ to sanctify us and change us.

1 Pet 1.1-2 Peter, and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, **in the sanctification of the Spirit.**

2 Thess 2.13 *But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, **through sanctification by the Spirit** and belief in the truth.*

- The Holy Spirit seeks to _____ us and produce godly _____ in us.

Rom 8.14 *For all who are **led by the Spirit** of God are sons of God.*

Gal 5.22-23 *But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

Gal 5.16-17 *But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and **the desires of the Spirit** are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other.*

B. God sanctifies us is by _____ us as His children.

Heb 12.5-6 *And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. 6 For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”*

- Like a coach training athletes for competition, God’s discipline normally involves _____ and guidance, and sometimes involves _____.

Heb 12.9-10 *Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? 10 For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, **that we may share in his holiness.***

2. Christians must _____ in their own sanctification, working together with God by submitting to obey His will.

A. As Christians, we participate in our sanctification a _____ way.

- We must _____ to God’s desire to make us more holy.
- We must _____ Him to sanctify us and to help us fight sin.

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.*

Rom 6.19 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.**

Rom 12.1 I appeal to you therefore, by the mercies of God, to **present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.**

Rom 12.2 Do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed** by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

B. As Christians, we must also participate in our sanctification in an _____ way.

- Through _____ we must actively resist sin and pursue godliness.

Rom 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.**

- This is a _____ that is given to US, not to the Holy Spirit!

Phil 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 work for his good pleasure.

- To “work out your salvation” simply means to work to _____ your salvation.

Matt 12.33b for the tree is known by its fruit.

2 Cor 5.17-18 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. 18 Behold, the old has passed away; behold the new has come.

Eph 4.19 Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that **you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds.**

- We are to put to _____ the remaining sin in our lives.

Col 3.5-6 **Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6** On account of these the wrath of God is coming. **In these you too once walked when you were living in them.**

Rom 12.12 The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then **let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.**

1 Pet 1.16 *It is written, “**You shall be holy**, for I am holy.”*

Eph 5.8-10 ***Walk as children of light** 9 (for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true), 10 and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.*

Col 3.9-10 *Do not lie to one another, seeing that **you have put off the old self** with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.*

Rom 13.14 ***Let us walk properly as in the daytime**, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. **But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.***

- **We are to aggressively fight against our flesh and purposefully obey God’s will.**
- **We must _____ our relationship with God.**
 - **We must read the _____ regularly.**

Matt 4.4 *But he answered, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God’.”*

Psa 1.1-2 *Blessed is the man who walks not in counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; 2 **but his delight is in the law of the Lord**, and on his law he meditates day and night.*

Jn 17:17 *Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.*

Josh 1:8 *This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it.*

- **We must _____ regularly.**

Eph 6:18a *...praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.*

Phil 4:6 *...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

Phil 4.2 *Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.*

- **We must _____ regularly.**

Eph 5.18-19 *And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, **but be filled with the Spirit**, 19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, **singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart.***

Col 3.16 *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, **with thankfulness in your hearts to God.***

Heb 12.28-29 *Therefore **let us be grateful** for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us **offer to God acceptable worship,** 29 **with reverence and awe,** for our God is a consuming fire.*

Heb 13.15 *Through him then let us continually offer up **a sacrifice of praise to God,** that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.*

Prov 16.6b *By the fear of the LORD one turns away from evil.*

- We must _____ regularly.

Heb 10.24-25 *And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, **not neglecting to meet together,** as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

1 Cor 12.27 *Now you are the **body** of Christ and individually **members** of it.*

Eph 4.15-16 *Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into **Christ,** 16 **from whom the whole body, joined and held together** by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, **makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.***

- Christians _____ each another in order to grow in sanctification.

Prov 27.17 *Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.*

- We must _____ regularly.

Mt 28.19-20 *And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.*

- We must _____ regularly.

Heb 12.1–2a *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,*

Heb 12.14 *Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.*

- God calls us to _____ to develop godly character traits!

2 Pet 1.5 *For this very reason, **make every effort** to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.*

1 Jn 3.2-3 *Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 3. **And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.***

Conclusion:

- There are numerous _____ given in the New Testament that we are to obey.
- God did not just choose us so we could be delivered from Hell, He chose us so that we might bring Him honor through our obedience.

Eph 2.10 *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*