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1. Sanctification is instantaneous and a process, Confused?

- a. Sanctification is an act of separation from that which is evil, and of dedication unto God (Romans 12: 1,2; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 13:12). The Scriptures teach a life of “holiness without which no man shall see the Lord” (Hebrews 12:14). By the power of the Holy Ghost, we are able to obey the command, “Be ye holy, for I am holy” (1 Peter 1:5). Sanctification is realized in the believer by recognizing his identification with Christ in His death and resurrection, and by faith reckoning daily upon the fact **of that union** and by offering every faculty continually to the dominion of the Holy Spirit (Romans 6:1-11; 8:1,2,13; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 2:12,13; 1 Peter 1:5)
- b. **Romans 12:1-2** 1Therefore I urge you, brothers, on account of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. A 2Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.
- c. **Hebrews 12:14** Pursue peace with all people, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.
- d. **1st Peter 1:3-5** 3Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, reserved in heaven for you, 5who through faith are shielded by God’s power for the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time....

- e. **Philippians 2:12-13** 12Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not only in my presence, but now even more in my absence, continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling. 13For it is God who works in you to will and to act on behalf of His good purpose.

2. Sanctification is being separated from corruption for usefulness to God.

- a. Sanctification is a process of surrendering to the will of God and denying our self.
- b. Sanctification is a joint work between God and You.
- c. Sanctification is a requirement of the believer. We cannot remain in complete union with the corrupt value system of this world.
- d. Sanctification occurs **in the heart first** and then manifests **in the body** ** Be Patient with God and yourself.
- e. Sanctification is typified in the Water Baptism of the believer as we identify through baptism with Christ. As we go down, we die to ourselves, and as we come up, we are raised to life with Christ. It is symbolic but it is correct in its process. When we die to our carnal/fleshly nature we will live in Christ.
- f. Sanctification means no Christian will continue to habitually sin or allow sin to master them, control them or define their life. Sanctification is a process and a result of Christ living in the believer. None will be without the propensity to sin on the day they die.

3. Remember Galatians 5: 16-21 ¹⁶This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.¹⁷ For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do

the things that ye would.¹⁸ But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,²⁰ Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,²¹ Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

- a. **Life Lesson:** The power of the Holy Spirit at work in our lives is that He can and will cause us to triumph over the strongholds of the flesh if we let Him. If didn't conquer Jesus is won't control you either!
- b. Sanctification occurs as we recognize we are now **joined to Christ** and that our sinful appetites cause division between God and humanity. Sanctification recognizes that we are no longer separated from God. God is with you even when you sin.
- c. Jonathan Edwards said of the Christian's inevitable desire for sanctification, "'Tis as much the nature of one that is spiritually newborn, to thirst after growth in holiness, as 'tis the nature of a newborn babe, to thirst after the mother's breast.'"* The process is progressive but is never completed in this life. Sanctification is fulfilled in glorification.

4. **The Church born for a Mission.**

- a. The Church is the Body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with **divine appointments** for the fulfillment of her great commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn, which are written in heaven (Ephesians 1:22,23; Hebrews 12:23). Since God's purpose concerning man is to save that which is lost, to be

worshipped by man, and to build a body of believers in the image of His Son, the primary reason-for-being of the Assemblies of God as part of the Church is: (a) **To be an agency of God for evangelizing the world** (Acts 1:8, Matthew 28:19,20; Mark 16:15,16). (b) To be a corporate body in which man may worship God (1 Corinthians 12:13). (c) To be a channel of God's purpose to build a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son (Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Corinthians 12:28; 1 Corinthians 14:12). The Assemblies of God exists expressly to give continuing emphasis to this reason-for-being in the New Testament apostolic pattern by teaching and encouraging believers to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. This experience: (a) Enables them to evangelize in the power of the Spirit with accompanying supernatural signs (Mark 16:15-20; Acts 4:29-31; Hebrews 2:3,4). (b) Adds a necessary dimension to the worshipful relationship with God (1 Corinthians 2:10-16; 1 Corinthians 12:13,14). (c) Enables them to respond to the full working of the Holy Spirit in expression of fruit and gifts and ministries as in New Testament times for the edifying of the body of Christ (Galatians 5:22-26; 1 Corinthians 14:12; Ephesians 4:11,12; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Colossians 1:29).

- b. Ephesians 1:22-23** 22And God put everything **under His feet** and made Him head over **everything for the church**, 23which is His body, the fullness of Him who **fills all in all**. God's church is global, and it is growing, Christians are found in every country on earth in every sphere of human society.
- c. Acts 1:8** but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you **shall be My witnesses both** in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth."

- d. **Matthew 28:18-20** 18Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. **19Therefore go and make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”
- e. **Hebrews 2:3-4** 3how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it **was confirmed to us by those who heard**, 4God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will. **The Church is called to confirm the word of testimony about who Jesus is in the earth.
- f. **Ephesians 4:11-13** 11And it was He who gave **some** to be apostles, **some** to be prophets, **some** to be evangelists, and **some** to be pastors and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for works of ministry and to build up the body of Christ, 13until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, as we mature to the full measure of the stature of Christ.
- g. **Colossians 1:28-29** 28We proclaim Him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we **may present everyone perfect (Complete) in Christ**. 29To this end I also labor, **striving with all His energy working powerfully within me**.

5. The Church of God on earth is made up of saints who are alive with a purpose and mission of evangelizing the world until Jesus comes.

- a. The Church is a body where we serve one another in the discipleship process. We are all called by God to be disciple

makers. Everyone should expect and desire to make disciples in this life using the gifts God has given them.

- b.** The Church is body that encourages mankind to worship God and provides opportunity to serve and worship the living God.
- c.** We believe the Mission is empowered by the Holy Spirit Baptism and thus our church emphasizes the blessing of the Holy Spirit baptism to help us fulfill our commission with Christ.
- d. Life Lesson:** There is no greater work that can be done in the earth than to save a priceless soul for a forever eternity. You have been chosen for this mission of missions.