

**Foundations:**

Sanctification

# **Psalm 1 NKJV**

1 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.

## **Psalm 1 NKJV**

3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

4 The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away.

# **Psalms 1 NKJV**

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.



# **Sanctification** What does it mean?

Greek hagiadzo, noun

1. the action of making  
or declaring something holy
2. The process of growing in  
Christlikeness

# Sanctification

1. to be set apart or made fit for service  
(2 Timothy 2:19-22)
2. has a moral dimension (1 Thes. 4:3-7),  
that involves turning away from  
immorality and turning towards God  
(Eph. 4:22-24; Gal. 5:16-6:5)

# Sanctification

3. is spoken of as an accomplished event (1 Cor. 1:30,31; 1 Cor. 6:11; Col. 3:9-10) and as an ongoing process (Gal. 3:3; Eph. 4:15-16; 1 Thes. 4:1,10; 2 Peter 1:3-8).



# Sanctification

Is a **position** (completed by salvation)

Is a **process** (ongoing yet to be completed in Heaven)

...The now, and not yet.

# Sanctification

Position / now / already/ past tense

Hebrews 10:10 “we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all”

# Sanctification

Process / not yet / future tense

“For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality” -1 Thessalonians 4:3

“resulting in sanctification...” - Romans 6:19, 22

## Philippians 2:12-16 NKJV

12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now 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 do for His good pleasure.

## Philippians 2:12-16 NKJV

14 Do all things without complaining and disputing,

15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

## **Philippians 2:12-16 NKJV**

16 holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

# Sanctification

- is the work of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Lev. 20:7-8; John 17:17, 19; 1 Cor 1:2, 30; Eph 5:25–27; Col 1:22; 1 Thess 5:23; Heb 10:10–13; 13:12, 20–21).

It is the Holy Spirit who applies this  
triune work, freeing and empowering  
believers to become like Christ  
(Rom 8:12–14; 15:16; 2 Thess 2:13; Titus  
3:5; 1 Pet 1:2). [2]



God accomplishes our sanctification ([1 Thes. 5:24](#); [Phil. 1:6](#); [Hebrews 13:20-21](#)) through the agency of the Holy Spirit ([1 Peter 1:2](#)).

He causes us to grow and change, and we cooperate ([Phil. 2:12-13](#)).

We pursue our sanctification (1 Tim. 6:11; Heb. 12:14),  
trust God that we are free from sin (Rom. 6:11),  
that He can renew us (Col. 3:1-11),  
and we are active participants (Phil. 2:12; 2 Pet. 1:10)

learning the Word of God (**1 Peter 2:2**), participating in fellowship (**Eph. 4:15-16**), responding to God's discipline (**Heb. 12:11**), praying (**Rom. 8:26; James 5:16**), and giving our lives away to serve others (**John 13:17**).



## **2 Peter 1:3-11 NKJV**

3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

## **2 Peter 1:3-11 NKJV**

4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

## 2 Peter 1:3-11 NKJV

5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,

6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness,

## **2 Peter 1:3-11 NKJV**

7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.

8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.



## **2 Peter 1:3-11 NKJV**

9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

## **2 Peter 1:3-11 NKJV**

10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;

## **2 Peter 1:3-11 NKJV**

11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



# KEY PASSAGES

Philippians 2:12-16

Romans 7

Psalms 1:1-6

1 Thess. 4:3-8

Romans 6-8

John 17:17-19

2 Corinthians 7:1

Ephesians 5:26-27

2 Peter 1:3-11

# F.A.Q

Flesh / “Sin Nature” / Old Man?

Perfection?

Maturity?

How?



“The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJV)





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