

EQUIP

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God's Plan for the Believer

The Believer Sanctified

1 Corinthians 6:11

The word “sanctify” basically means to set apart. It comes from the same root word as the words “saint” and “holy.”

I. What is sanctification?

Three aspects:

- A. Positional sanctification (1 Cor. 1:2; 6:11)
- B. Progressive sanctification (1 Pt. 1:16)
- C. Ultimate sanctification (Eph. 5:26-27; Jude 24-25)

II. Who is involved in sanctification?

- A. The Holy Spirit accomplishes positional sanctification (2 Thes. 2:13).
 - 1. The Holy Spirit sanctifies us, our responsibility is to believe the truth (2 Thes. 2:13).

2. Christ's death is the basis for our position in sanctification (Heb. 10:10).
- C. God is the one who will present us blameless in ultimate sanctification (Jude 24-25).
- D. Several agents are involved in the process of progressive sanctification.
1. Jesus prayed to the Father that He would sanctify us through the truth of the Word (Jn. 17:17; 1 Thes. 5:23).
 2. Christ's death serves as the basis for our being able to progress in sanctification (Jn. 17:19; Rom. 6:1-13).
 3. The Holy Spirit is the prominent agent in the outworking of our progressive sanctification (Rom. 8:13; 5:5; 2 Cor. 3:18; Gal. 5:22-23).
 4. Believers must faithfully fulfill their responsibilities in sanctification (Rom. 6:19)

To withhold areas of our lives from God's desired sanctification for us will result in our being controlled by the flesh, rather than by the spirit (1 Cor. 3:1-5); Gal. 5:16-21).

Yieldedness, Spirit-filling, and the sanctifying process are involved in setting us apart more and more to the image of Christ (Rom. 8:29).