

I. Sanctification



Definition--to be made holy. A progressive work of God and man in which we are made more and more free from sin and like Christ in our actual lives¹



Differences between Justification & Sanctification

Justification	Sanctification
Legal standing	Internal condition
Once and for all	Continuous throughout life
Entirely God's work	We cooperate
complete immediately	not completed in this lifetime
the same for all Christians	greater in some than in others

How does sanctification work? How are we sanctified?

- **God's Role:**

1. **Sovereign**

- ❖ Philippians 1:6-- *And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ*
- ❖ Hebrews 12:2--*looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God*
- ❖ 1 Thessalonians 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.*

2. **Direction**

- ❖ Philippians 2:13-- *for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure*
- ❖ Hebrews 13:20-21-- *Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, 21 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*

3. **Discipline**

- ❖ Hebrews 12:5-6--*"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"*

¹ Wayne Grudem, *Bible Doctrine*, 326.

4. The Church

- ❖ Proverbs 27:17--*Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.*
- ❖ Hebrews 10:24-25--*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 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*
- ❖ Ephesians 4:11-13--*he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ*

- **Our Role:**

1. Prayer

- ❖ Philippians 4:6-7--*do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus*
- ❖ Ephesians 6:18-19--*praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, 19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel*

2. Worship

- ❖ Colossians 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*

3. Bible Study

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17--*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work*