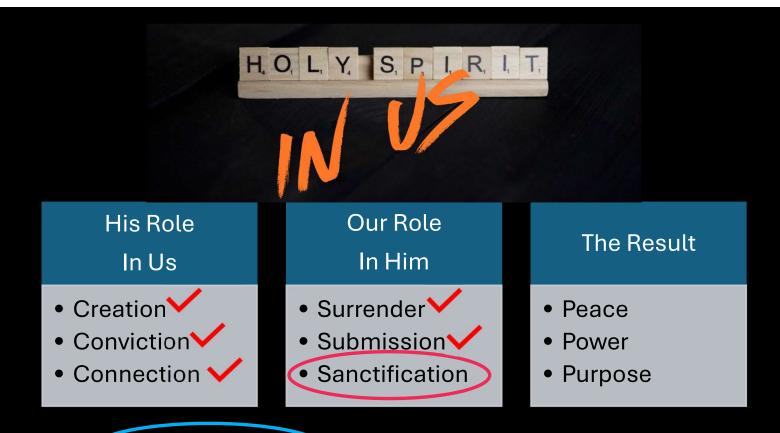
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"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." – Eph 2:10



BOTTOM LINE:

<u>Sanctification</u> is not just something that happens to us – It's the process by which - God uses to mature us.

<u>In turn</u> – that we may use what we've learned to strengthen and encourage others in their walk!

It's this process that grows us spiritually and transforms us – it leads us to an ever closer relationship with God.



WHAT IS IT?

Sanctification (Greek) - hagiasmos

To "set apart" in "purity" - in "holiness" it is "a separation of the common from the Holy - what belongs to God." It is a Consecration, a purification - the effect of this consecration to God Is sanctification of heart and life. A setting apart as Holy unto the Lord.

"To sanctify anything is to declare it as belonging to God."



We see this - "setting apart" - beginning in Genesis -

"Then God blessed the seventh day and <u>sanctified</u> it, (set it apart) because in it He rested from all His work ..." - Genesis 2:3 –

- The sabbath. Is a day set apart. As Holy unto God.
- The OT <u>sacrifice</u> was "set apart". As Holy unto God.
- The first born was set apart. As Holy unto God.
- What was common was made Holy.



In Sanctification- we see that there is a **Purification & Cleansing**

Exodus 19:14 "So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and sanctified the people, and they washed their clothes."

- There is a cleansing that takes place through sanctification.
- In the New Testament we have been saved- by GRACE through FAITH
 - sanctified set apart to God and washed clean cleansed/purified by the Blood of the Lamb.
- By His sacrifice Jesus Christ He has made us Holy.



- Set apart to God. He Sanctifies us. He Declared us righteous.
 - "For He made Him who knew no sin [to be] sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." 2 Corinthians 5:21
- We are Sinless in His eyes. He Cleanses Us/Sets us apart/Makes Us Holy! –

"Behold, I make all things new." - Rev 21:5

- We are called Saint Which Means "Sanctified One"
- That is our positional sanctification. Our position in Christ!



Three Types/Stages:

1. Positional Sanctification-

When we first believed. We were Sanctified. Justified. "Just as if I'd never sinned" - Sanctified in Christ. Sealed by the Holy Spirit - By His blood we were - made Holy. In Him. We have <u>Sanctification</u> - it is our position in Christ. Set apart.

2. Permanent Sanctification.

Where In the future, God will give us glorification, a permanent, ultimate holiness in His presence. In Heaven,



Three Types/Stages:

3. Progressive Sanctification-

- God (by His Holy Spirit and Word) guides us into all truth and maturity.
 This is a practical, progressive holiness.
- A "Working It Out" a "Walking It Out" in our lives!

Which is the type of "Sanctification" – We're going to talk about today.



Three Types/Stages:

1. Positional - Saves Us From The - Penalty of Sin!

2. Permanent - Saves Us From The - Presence of Sin!

3. Progressive - Saves Us From The - Power of Sin!

Sanctification ARE YOU A SAINT?



- SAINT is the common word to designate the followers of Jesus, and occurs some 56 times in the NT.
- The International Study Bible SAYS that the word "Saint"... means "sanctified one."
- By calling us "saint" it's not meant to mean the morally perfect, but the one who belongs to Christ.

So - Paul can refer to the disciples at <u>Corinth</u> as saints and then a little later rebuke them for being – "carnal and babes - who walk after the manner of men." –



Three Types/Stages:

We are both Saints and Sinners.

- Saints in the Spirit Because We have been sanctified by the blood of Jesus Christ.
- Sinners in the Flesh Because we still have this fleshly nature.
- We Have Been Set Apart Once for all time but we still have to walk out this life in the flesh - and that is why we need the process of sanctification in our lives.



Three Types/Stages:

Why Should We Be Progressively Sanctified? - We are called to it.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-4 - "For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor ..."

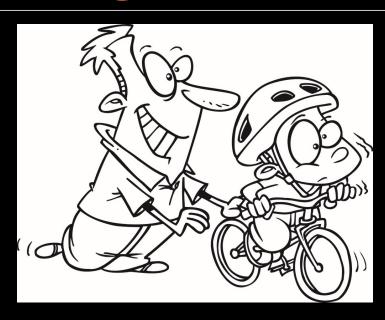
1 Peter 1:16 ... "Be holy, for I am holy."

He has called you to be Holy because that's who He is and you were made in His image.

Ephesians 4:1 ... "Walk in a manner worthy of His calling."



Progressive Sanctification Is Like Learning to Ride a Bike



SANCTIFICATION

WHEN THE TRAINING WHEELS COME OFF!



- Father Is Always With Us
- Bound To Take Some Spills
 - Skin Knees It Hurts
 - Until We Learn Balance
- We Formulate a Strategy
 - <u>Listen to The Father</u>
- Don't Look Down We Look Up
 - Keep Pedaling
 - Grow In Skill Confidence
 - Grow In Maturity



SANCTIFICATION -

BUT - WHY?

GOD ALLOWS THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD:

- ✓ To Sift Us He Lets Us Skin Our Knees
- ✓ To Separate Us From the Things That Trip Us Up
- √ To Teach Us
- ✓ To Mature Us
- ✓ To Teach Others- Strenghten their Walk



DOES IT MATTER? YES!

- If We Don't Get This We Are Prone to Give-Up!
- What We're Going Through Just Won't Be Worth It!
- God's Work/Purpose In & Through You Is Stunted!



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LUKE 22:31-32

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v32 - But <u>I have prayed</u> for you, Simon, that your f<u>aith</u> may not fail. and when you <u>have turned back</u>, <u>strengthen</u> your brothers."



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- "Satan" The Adversary! Has to Ask Permission
- "Sift"... To Try "One's" Faith To the Verge Of Overthrow
- "All Of You" That's Plural and inclusive of all Disciples -

Yes - even us today -





1 Peter 4:12-13,19

v12 – "Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you."

v13 - But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when His glory is revealed.

v19 So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

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- "Jesus" Prays for Us! What does He Pray? Our escape? No!
- He Prays That Our "Faith" ... "Doesn't Fail" (Quit or Die)!
- (When)you've "Turned Back" (Not If) Returned/Repented!
- "Strengthen" Build Others Up With What You've Learned!

IN THE "THICK OF IT" - WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

What's Happening In Your Life Right Now? – That You are Asking

WHY ME LORD?

PRAY!

- Why Me Lord?
- Holy Spirit Please Reveal Your Big Picture
 - What Are You Building Up In Me?
- What Are You Teaching Me That Will Be Useful To Others?
 - What Can I Do?/What Do You Want Me To Do?
 - How Can I Be An Example To Others?
 - How Are You Using This In My Life? For Me?/Others?

God Isn't Pursuing Your Comfort – He's Pursuing Your Maturity!

Why Does It Matter?

- When we are inner-focused we take a "spill"!
 - When we are outer-focused we "Soar"!
- As in Bike Riding Don't Look Down Look Up
 - To the Author and Finisher of our Faith!
 - Hebrews 12:2

"looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of [our] faith, who <u>for the joy</u> that was set before Him <u>endured</u> the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

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Hebrews 12:5-6 NLT

"And have you forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you as his children? He said, "My child, don't make light of the LORD's discipline, and don't give up when He corrects you. 6 For the LORD disciplines those He loves, and He punishes each one He accepts as His child."



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".... present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, [which is] your reasonable service. v2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what [is] that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

~ Romans 12:1-2



Holy Spirit - paraklētos

- He is our Helper
- Guide
- Advocate
- Comforter
- Convictor
- Life Preserver

- Remembrancer
- Encourager
- Aider
- Counselor
- Connector
- **o** Commander

- Our Sanctifier!







His Role In Us

- Creation
- Conviction
- Connection

Our Role In Him

- Surrender
- Submission
- Sanctification

The Result

- Peace
- Power
- Purpose



