

SANCTIFICATION

I. God has called us to be a holy people:

2 Corinthians 7:1

Ephesians 4:22-24

1 Thessalonians 4:7

2 Timothy 1:9

2 Timothy 2:19

Titus 2:11-14

1 Peter 1:14-16

2 Peter 3:10-12

II. A biblical definition of holiness.

The Greek word translated “holy” in the New Testament is *hagios*. It describes something that belongs to God—that has been set apart for divine use. A holy person is one who has given God complete control of every aspect of his or her life.

Romans 12:1-2

Hagios also describes that which is good, pure, and righteous.

III. A holy life is a life of love.

Matthew 22:37-40

Romans 13:9-10

Galatians 5:13-14

IV. The problem that prevents holiness—the sinful nature.

Genesis 6:5

Ephesians 2:3

Galatians 5:19-21

V. The Solution—Sanctification.

To sanctify means to make holy, and sanctification is a process that begins with regeneration and ends with glorification.

- What do the following verses tell us about sanctification?

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Ephesians 5:25-27

Hebrews 10:10

Titus 2:13-14

Acts 26:15, 18

Romans 15:16

2 Thessalonians 2:13

1 Peter 1:2

Titus 3:5-6

Romans 8:9

2 Corinthians 5:17

Ezekiel 11:19-20

- In addition to the transformation that occurs when we first come to Christ, the scriptures also describe another resource the Lord has provided to help us live holy lives. What does Ephesians 5:18 command us to do?
- Compare Acts 2:4 to Acts 4:31. What does this tell us about being filled with the Spirit? Who was being filled in both passages?
- What does Galatians 5:16-25 tell us about a Spirit filled life?
- Romans 6:11-13 describes three steps to living a Spirit filled life. What are they?

The Bible describes sanctification as being a life long process.

Philippians 3:12-16

2 Corinthians 3:18

John 17:17

Ephesians 5:26-27

2 Corinthians 7:1

1 John 3:3

The completion of the process—glorification

1 John 3:2

1 Corinthians 15:49