

The Holiness of God

1 Corinthians 6:11

Lesson 8: What Does it Mean to be Sanctified?



- * The word translated “_____” in most Bibles means “_____.”
- * _____ sanctification is what gradually separates the people of God from the world and makes them more and more like Jesus Christ.
- * Sanctification differs from _____ in several ways. Justification is a _____-_____ work of God, resulting in a declaration of “not guilty” before Him because of the work of Christ on the cross. Sanctification is a _____, beginning with justification and continuing throughout life.
- * Sanctification is a three-stage process – _____, _____, and _____:
 - * The first stage occurs in our past at the _____ of our Christian lives. It is an initial moral change, a break from the power and love of sin (Rom. 6:11, 14, 17-18).
 - * The second stage of sanctification is in the present and requires a _____ to complete. As we grow in grace, we are gradually, but steadily, changing to be more like Jesus (2 Cor. 3:18, Col. 3:10, (Phil. 3:12).
 - * The third and final stage of sanctification occurs in the _____. When believers die, their spirits go to be with Christ (2 Cor. 5:6-8, Rev. 21:27, Phil. 3:21; 1 Cor. 15:35-49).
- * God’s work in sanctification involves all three members of the _____:
 - * God the Father is constantly at _____ in His children “to will and to work for His good pleasure” (Phil. 2:13). He changes our desires, making us want to please Him, and He empowers us to do so.
 - * Jesus earned our sanctification on the _____ and, in essence, has become our sanctification (1 Cor. 1:30) and the “perfecter of our faith” (Heb. 12:2).
 - * The Holy Spirit is the _____ agent of our sanctification (1 Cor. 6:11; 2 Thess. 2:13; 1 Peter 1:2), and He is the one who produces in us the fruit of sanctification (Gal. 5:22-23).
- * Our role in sanctification is both _____ and _____. Both the passive role and the active role are necessary for a healthy Christian life.

- * Passively, we are to _____ God to sanctify us, presenting our bodies to God (Rom. 6:13; 12:1) and yielding to the Holy Spirit. “It is God’s will that you should be sanctified” (1 Thess. 4:3), and God will have His way.
- * Actively, we are responsible to _____ to do what is right (1 Thess. 4:4). This involves putting to _____ the “misdeeds of the body” (Rom. 8:13), _____ for holiness (Heb. 12:14), _____ immorality (1 Cor. 6:18), _____ ourselves from every defilement (2 Cor. 7:1), and making every effort to supplement our _____ (2 Peter 1:5-11).
- * We must remember that we _____ holiness, but only as God empowers us to do so. The end result is a consistent, mature Christian life that faithfully reflects the nature of our holy God.
- * John makes it clear that we will never be totally free from sin in this life (1 John 1:8-10). Thankfully, the work God has begun in us He will finish (Phil. 1:6).