

SANCTIFICATION

The Foundation of My Faith series is designed to equip Christians with the knowledge of God and His Word. Through simple Biblical studies, this program provides an opportunity in which a mature Christian can help another Christian grow in God's grace. Both the disciple and the discipler will be spiritually strengthened, and a firm foundation of faith will be established.

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How to use this curriculum

 **LOOK UP** these verses in your Bible.

 **KEY VERSES** to the lesson.

The birth of a child into a loving home is a joyful event. After a child's birth, a growth process begins. It will take many years to develop a child into a mature adult. Maturing involves physical, social, and educational growth. This process will advance at different speeds, depending on many factors such as influences, education, and nutrition.

Likewise, sanctification is that process by which we mature spiritually. The Bible clearly instructs us how we are to become like Jesus Christ. Just as children inherit the physical features of their parents, we should inherit the spiritual features of our Saviour. This lesson will equip you with the basic truths of progressive sanctification so that you will understand your responsibility in the process.

What is sanctification?

1. Sanctification means “to be clean and set apart for God’s use and possession.”

 “If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master’s use, and prepared unto every good work.”
(II Timothy 2:21)

To sanctify someone or something is to set that person or thing apart for the use intended by its designer. A glass is “sanctified” when used only to drink. A spoon is “sanctified” when used only to eat. We are sanctified when we submit to God’s design and purpose.

Memory Verses

(Choose at least two Scripture verses to memorize from the following list.)

John 17:17

Philippians 1:6

I Thessalonians 5:23

II Peter 3:18

6. What are our responsibilities in sanctification?

- a. Trust God's _____ and _____ in this process.
Verse _____.
- b. Exercise _____.
Verse _____.
- c. Put off _____ behavior and put on _____ behavior.
Verse _____.
- d. _____ ourselves.
Verse _____.
- e. _____ sins of immorality and moral purity.
Verse _____.

7. Living a godly life is always _____ in earth and heaven.

Verse _____.

 Jeremiah 1:5

 Jeremiah 18:3-6

2. Sanctification is God's solution to man's sinful nature.

 "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." (I Thessalonians 5:23)

 I Thessalonians 4:3-4

 Ephesians 5:26-27

Sanctification is God's process to change our character and conduct which have been flawed by sin. It enables us to be transformed into God's likeness.

3. Sanctification is a process.

 "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ . . ." (II Peter 3:18)

 Hebrews 12:1-2

Notice the eight elements of sanctification in

II Peter 1:5-7:

Faith - trusting God enough to obey Him

Virtue - purifying our motives and morals

Knowledge - learning about God through His Word

Temperance - developing self control in all areas of life

Patience - continuing until we get desired results

Godliness - responding to all events in a Christlike manner

Brotherly kindness - treating others as Jesus would

Charity - being motivated to serve God and others with unconditional love

Just as physical growth takes place over many years, sanctification is a process that should take place throughout our life.

Salvation, like a birth, is a miracle of a moment; but sanctification, like growth, is a process of a lifetime.

How are we sanctified?

1. By His Word.



"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."
(John 17:17)

Psalm 119:9



"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)

Lesson Three Quiz

1. Sanctification means to "be _____ and _____ for God's use and _____."

2. Sanctification is God's _____ to man's sinful nature.

Verse _____.

3. Sanctification is a _____.
Verse _____.

4. How are we sanctified?

a. By His _____.
Verse _____.

b. By our _____ with Jesus Christ.
Verse _____.

c. By the _____ Holy Spirit.
Verse _____.

5. We must be careful not to _____ the Holy Spirit or _____ His work within us.

What rewards does sanctification provide?

1. Productive lives that display faithfulness and fruitfulness.

 II Peter 1:2-10

Grace and peace will be multiplied. (Verse 2)
We will know the sufficiency of God. (Verse 3)
We will experience spiritual growth. (Verses 5-7)
We will be productive and fruitful. (Verse 8)
We will not fall into sin. (Verse 10)

2. Earthly and heavenly rewards

 I Timothy 4:8

 Matthew 16:27

Living a Godly life is always profitable, on earth and in Heaven.

His Word must be read, believed, and obeyed.
Sanctification will be the result. It is dangerous to disobey God's Word. (See I Corinthians 10:5-13)

2. By our relationship with Jesus Christ.

 John 15:1-14

We are the branches; Jesus is the vine. Branches cannot survive without a vine.

3. By the indwelling Holy Spirit.

 I Corinthians 6:19

 “... are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.”
(II Corinthians 3:18)

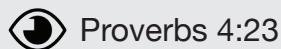
We must be careful not to grieve the Holy Spirit or quench His work within us.

What are the Christian's responsibilities in sanctification?

1. Trust God's purpose and role in this process.

 Philippians 1:6, 2:12-13

God works from the inside out in our process of sanctification. Our behavior should reflect the salvation that is within us.



Change originates in the heart.

2. Exercise godliness.

 “... and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.”
(I Timothy 4:7)

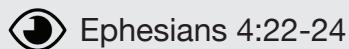
In our thinking – Philippians 4:8

In our speech – Ephesians 4:25-32

In our actions/behavior – Colossians 3:17

In our desires – James 4:1-2

3. Put off unrighteous behavior and put on righteous behavior.



The terms “old man” and “new man” are used here. These terms refer to our nature before salvation and after salvation. They refer to the daily process of removing our old behavior and putting on the right behavior of Jesus Christ.



We should put off:

- Anger
- Lying
- Gossip
- Rebellion
- Stealing

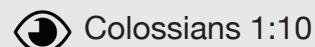
We should put on:

- Self-Control
- Honesty
- Peacemaking
- Submission
- Work

4. Cleanse ourselves.

 “... let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”
(II Corinthians 7:1)

Cleansing is something we must do daily in our life. It is not a cosmetic process to look good; it is a heart process to please God.



5. Avoid sins of immorality and pursue moral purity.

 “For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:”
(I Thessalonians 4:3)

