

Sanctification

The Progress of Salvation · Soteriology

Sanctification is the ongoing work of God by which He makes us actually holy in heart and life. While justification is a legal declaration made once for all, sanctification is a process that continues throughout our earthly lives. It is God's work in us—He works in us both to will and to do His good pleasure. Yet we are also called to work out our salvation, to put off the old man and put on the new, to mortify the deeds of the body. Sanctification involves both dying to sin and living to righteousness. We are being transformed into Christ's image from glory to glory. This process will be completed only at glorification.

Key Verses

1 Thessalonians 4:3

For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication.

Philippians 2:12-13

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

2 Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Hebrews 12:14

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

Romans 6:22

But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

1 Peter 1:15-16

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

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