



Sanctification

Set apart for God!

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What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

*(Quoting **Ex 25:8; Lev 26:12; Ez 37:27; Jer 31:1**)*

*Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, (Quoting **Isaiah 52:11**)*

and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

*(Quoting **Hosea 1:10; Isaiah 43:6**)*

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

***2 Corinthians 7:1** (rsv)*

*...completing our sanctification in the fear of God
(Holman Christian Standard Bible)*

*To God's elect (chosen - (nlt), exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, **1 Peter 1:1** (niv)*

The generic meaning of sanctification is "the state of proper functioning."

To sanctify someone or something is to set that person or thing apart for the use intended by its designer.

The Greek word translated "sanctification" (*hagiasmos*) means "holiness."

To sanctify, therefore, means "to make holy". The opposite of 'sanctify' is 'profane' ('outside the temple' – that which is unholy, ungodly, polluted.

To profane something is to show irreverence, contempt for God and the sacred)

[What is Sanctification? Bible Definition and Meaning \(biblestudytools.com\)](http://biblestudytools.com)

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

1 Peter 1:16

In one sense we are already made holy in Christ.

In the NT we are called saints (sanctified ones), those who are **set apart** for God (*Ephesians 1:1*) (Positional Sanctification).

And in another sense, we are 'being' sanctified – being made holy (Progressive Sanctification).

Considering this, knowing that we are already made holy, we are to give ourselves to a life that **is** holy (set apart for God and morally pure

according to God's word). Not sinless perfection now, but growth in holiness now!

*Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So, Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. **Hebrews 2:11**(niv)*

***ESV:** For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source.*

Now, these words are not common in our everyday conversations. Not Café conversation.

I think we need to try to get the religiosity out of the word, 'HOLY'.

Don't think church steeples, stain glassed windows, and priestly robes. Nor an austere, spartan, and pleasureless, joyless existence (E.g., medieval hermits).

Think absolute beauty, purity, loveliness, majesty, grace, truth, perfect justice, sinlessness, joy, peace with God, and love - as seen in:

- The person and life of Jesus Christ, the full expression of holiness. (***Hebrews 1:3***)
- We are being transformed into His likeness. (***2 Corinthians 3:18***)

- God's Word, the written standard of holiness (*Psalms 119:9*).
- Being obedient to God's Word is the key to living holy.
(*John 15:3; Ephesians 5:26; Romans 6:19*)

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*1 Peter 2:9-10. But you are a **chosen people**, a royal priesthood, a **holy nation**, **God's special possession**, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness **into** his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

There is a **moral** dimension to our sanctification and a **vocational** dimension.

Jesus fulfilled both perfectly.

Sanctification then is to worship God, living free from idolatry (sinfulness), and to be a light and witness to the nations.

Major keys to living as a saint (sanctified one).

1. Fix your eyes on Jesus (*Hebrews 12:2*). Be more Christ conscious than sin conscious. Behold HIM. (*2 Corinthians 3:18*)

2. Fill up on God's WORD. It will condition you and wash you. (*John 15:3; Ephesians 5:26*)
3. Receive the Baptism in the "HOLY" Spirit (*1 Peter 1:1-2*). It is God who sanctifies.
4. Hang around holy people (church). We cannot grow in isolation. (Gary Mackie)
5. Fulfill your missionary call to the nations.

*I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be **my** sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.*
Isaiah 52:11