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WORD#15 SANCTIFICATION

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Supply the missing words as you watch the teaching video.

- 1. SANCTIFICATION:** To be _____ for special attention— _____ and His _____ .
- It is a _____ by which those who are _____ right POSITIONALLY are _____ right PROGRESSIVELY.
- Sanctification is as much rooted _____ as is justification.
- The Lord went _____ to secure our sanctification. He now asks His own to do the same—to go _____ ...to reject the _____ plans for us and accept His plans of sanctification.
- Even in a moment of sin, I can be _____ by _____ against the sin in my heart.
- _____ Sanctification: That moment when what I am POSITIONALLY and what I am EXPERIENTIALLY are _____ (in Heaven).
- The believer is so close to being _____ : The trumpet blast, the shout, the voice. Then, _____ the Lord and _____ Him.
- Not only did Christ pay for the _____ of our sin but the cost of making us _____ .
- The more Christ becomes _____ , the more the work of sanctification is allowed to _____ .
- As I cooperate with the Holy Spirit, little by little I am being changed to be _____ like my old self and _____ like the Lord Jesus.

A HELPFUL DEFINITION

ADOPTION, *hagiazo*: From the same root meaning of holiness. In its primary sense, it means to be different, then to be set apart (usually for special attention), then to be wholly for God, and finally that process by which those who have been declared right (justified) shall be ultimately brought into perfect alignment with God. “By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all” (Heb 10:10). “Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come” (Heb 13:12-14). There is positional sanctification (Heb 10:14), experiential sanctification (2 Tim 2:21), and ultimate sanctification (1 Thess 5:23). The Word has a role (Jn 17:17), as does the Holy Spirit (1 Pet 1:2), other believers (1 Cor 7:14), and our personal wills (1 Thess 4:3-4). But it is greatly encouraging to know that “of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us...sanctification” (1 Cor 1:30). In the mind of God, it is a completed fact (see Heb 10:10, 14).



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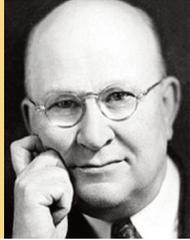
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SOME HELPFUL TEACHING

H. A. Ironside tells the account in his classic work, *Holiness the False and the True*, how he was delivered from the false notions of the so-called "Holiness Movement." [See also the Uplook Resources article link on Page 4]. He writes about biblical sanctification in the following way.

"It may help some to put it in this way:

Harry Ironside



- **Sanctification by the Spirit** is INTERNAL. It is an experience within the believer.
- **Sanctification by the blood of Christ** is ETERNAL. It is not an experience; it is positional; it has to do with the new place in God's eternal favor occupied by every believer—an unchanging and unchangeable position, to which defilement can never attach, in God's estimation.
- **Sanctification by the Word of God** is EXTERNAL. It refers to the believer's outward walk and ways. It is the manifest result of sanctification by the Spirit, and goes on progressively all through life....

"Nowhere in Scripture is it taught that there is a sudden leap to be taken from carnality to spirituality, or from a life of comparative unconcern as to godliness to one of intense devotion to Christ. On the contrary, increase in piety is ever presented as a growth, which should be as normal and natural as the orderly progression in human life from infancy to full stature and power. In Peter's first epistle he writes:

"Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as new-born babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby [unto salvation, R.V.]: if so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious" (1 Pet 2:1-3).

"And he again emphasizes the place and importance of that word with a view to growth in spiritual strength when he says, 'According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue: whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And besides this, giving all diligence, add to [or, have in] your faith virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ' (2 Pet 1:3-11).

"Here is depicted no sudden growth of spirituality acquired in a moment, as a result of some great renunciation, but a steady, sober walk with God, and uninterrupted growth in grace and knowledge through feeding upon the Word, and giving it its proper place in the life."

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THE MULTIFACETED VIEW OF GOSPEL WORK

Biblical truth is the substance of gospel work, so the early believers "went everywhere preaching the word" (Acts 8:4). **Divine love** is the motivation of it and joy is the strength of it, and thus we "preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ" (Eph 3:8; see also 2 Cor 5:14). **Justification** and **sanctification** are the spiritual objectives of it, so we seek to make known "the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

*whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus" (Col 1:27-28; see also 1 Cor 6:11). **Grace** and **peace** are the blessed effect of it because "Grace and peace [are] multiplied... through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord" (2 Pet 1:2). **Universal need** is the reason for it, so "preach the gospel to every creature" (Mk 16:15). And of course the **Lord Jesus** is the blessed subject of it so "we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord" (2 Cor 4:5).*



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GETTING THE **BIG PICTURE**

As with other words in the series, we have found it helpful to see how a word is used throughout Scripture in order to build a working definition of the word. Let's see how the word "sanctification" is used throughout the Word of God:

1

The sanctification of inanimate objects:

"Thou shalt anoint the altar of the burnt offering, and all his vessels, and sanctify the altar: and it shall be an altar most holy. And thou shalt anoint the laver and his foot, and sanctify it" (Ex 40:10-11, KJV). The NKJV uses the word "consecrate." The Hebrew word *qadash* is translated variously as sanctify (108x), hallow or holy (32x), dedicate (10x), as well as consecrate. So what happened when these pieces of furniture and containers were "sanctified"? Did any change take place in the nature of them? Was some evil removed from them? No, they were simply set apart for God's use.

2

People can sanctify themselves, or be sanctified by others:

"Let the priests also, which come near to the Lord, sanctify themselves" (Ex 19:22). Or as the Lord said, *"Sanctify unto Me all the first-born...it is Mine"* (Ex 13:2).

3

People could actually sanctify themselves to do evil!

"They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the Lord" (Isa 66:17). These people had separated themselves to evil, rather than to the Lord, with the intention of doing what He hated.

4

The Son was sanctified by the Father: *"Do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God?'"* (Jn 10:36). Clearly, the Lord Jesus was not purified of sin or had His nature changed. But He was set apart to do God's will!

5

In a similar way, the Lord Jesus sanctified Himself:

"For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth" (Jn 17:19). And here His being set apart was with the intention of linking Himself with His people who, through Him, are being set apart to God as well.

6

Unbelievers are sometimes sanctified:

"For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by [in] the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by [in] the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy [or sanctified]" (1 Cor 7:14). Here the life-partner of a Christian, though unsaved, is said to be sanctified. They are not somehow made less sinful; rather, they are set apart for special attention by heaven, because they are united to one of God's people.

7

Even carnal Christians are sanctified:

Notice two statements from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. *"Paul, called an apostle of Jesus Christ...to the church of God at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus...I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual, but as to carnal,*



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even as to babes in Christ... For you are still carnal..." (1 Cor 1:1-2; 3:1-3). All of God's people are saints by faith in Christ; it is the Spirit's work, using the truth, to make us saintly.

8

We are told to follow sanctification. "Follow peace with all men, and holiness [sanctification], without which no man shall see the Lord" (Heb 12:14). While we "are sanctified," as the previous verse states, yet our consistent path should be a trajectory towards God and what pleases Him.

9

Believers are called on to sanctify God! "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear" (1 Pet 3:15). Your body is a temple, an outpost of heaven. The Lord should be enshrined there. He should have the best place, the

first choice, the highest thoughts of our minds and the dearest affections of our hearts. We sanctify God by giving Him the place of honor.

10

Persons addressed as sanctified are afterward exhorted to be holy, as Peter writes in his first epistle (see 1 Pet 1:1, 2, 15, 16). Yet those who are being sanctified are declared to be perfected forever: "For by one offering He has forever perfected those who are being sanctified" (Heb 10:14).

In Hebrews 10, the perfection the author is describing is a conscience cleared and a perfect standing, allowing us to enter into the Holiest through the work of Christ. This is Christ's work for us that sets us apart to God as "forever perfected." The work of the Spirit in us, through the application of the Word, is the work by which we are "being sanctified," until the project is completed (Php 1:6).

SOME HELPFUL QUOTES...

"All things as they move toward God are beautiful, and they are ugly as they move away from Him."
— **A.W. Tozer**, *The Attributes of God: Deeper into the Father's Heart*

"What then is God's holiness? What do we mean when we say 'Holy Father' and 'Holy Son' and 'Holy Spirit' and 'Holy Trinity'? We mean the perfectly pure devotion of each of these three persons to the other two. We mean the attribute in the Trinity that corresponds to the ancient words that describe marriage: 'forsaking all other, and cleaving only unto thee'—absolute, permanent, exclusive, pure, irreversible, and fully expressed devotion." — **Sinclair Ferguson**, *Devoted to God: Blueprints for Sanctification*, Banner of Truth, 2016. p 2

"Holiness is the habit of being of one mind with God, according as we find His mind described in Scripture. It is the habit of agreeing in God's judgment, hating what He hates, loving what He loves,



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EVEN MORE HELPFUL QUOTES...

and measuring everything in this world by the standard of His Word.” — **J.C. Ryle**

“If you think you can walk in holiness without keeping up perpetual fellowship with Christ, you have made a great mistake. If you would be holy, you must live close to Jesus.” — **C.H. Spurgeon**

“Men are God’s method. The church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men...What the church needs today is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use...It is not great talents or great learning or great preachers that God needs, but men great in holiness, great in faith, great in love, great in fidelity, great for God...”
—**E.M. Bounds**

“Romans 1-5 teaches us that we cannot look to the Law for justification. But Romans 6-8 stresses that neither can we depend upon the Law for sanctification. God has a far better plan. And, as always, God’s answer is His Son: *‘For what the Law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteousness of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit’* (Rom. 8:3f).

“Christians know that the Law cannot save. It was never intended to. But how many believers understand that the Law is not the standard or source of day-by-day Christian living? Do you, as a believer, attempt to live the Christian life in slavery, caught in the trap of bondage to the Law?” — **James Martin, The Trap, Uplook Magazine, March, 2007. p 1**

OTHER UPLOOK RESOURCES TO HELP YOU:

Practical sanctification by Boyd Nicholson

<http://www.uplook.org/1994/02/practical-holiness/>

How Harry Ironside was delivered from the false view of sinless perfection

<http://www.uplook.org/1996/07/h-a-ironsides-all-in-all/>

Old and New Testament sanctification

<http://www.uplook.org/2007/07/sanctification-by-the-spirit/>

William MacDonald on kinds of sanctification

<http://www.uplook.org/2006/01/kinds-of-sanctification/>

The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus

<http://www.uplook.org/2009/09/the-law-of-the-spirit-of-life-in-christ/>

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