

4. Cleanse ourselves.

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

Colossians 1:10 “That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;”

1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

5. Avoid sins of immorality and pursue moral purity.

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

2 Timothy 2:22 “Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”

Colossians 3:5 “Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:”

What rewards does sanctification provide?

1. Productive lives that display faithfulness and fruitfulness. (2 Peter 1:2-10)

Grace and peace will be multiplied. (vs. 2)

We will know the sufficiency of God. (vs. 3)

We will experience spiritual growth. (vs. 5-7)

We will be productive and fruitful. (vs. 8)

We will not fall into sin. (vs. 10)

2. Earthly and heavenly rewards.

1 Timothy 4:8 “For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.”

Matthew 16:27 “For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.”



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LESSON 15:

SANCTIFICATION

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

What is Sanctification?

1. Sanctification means “to be clean and set apart for God’s use and possession.”
2 Timothy 2:21 “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.”
Jeremiah 1:5 “Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.”
Jeremiah 18:3-6 “Then I went down to the potter’s house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? Saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter’s hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.”
2. Sanctification is God’s solution to man’s sinful nature.
I Thessalonians 5:23 “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 4:3-4 “For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;”
Ephesians 5:26-27 “That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing: but that it should be holy and without blemish.”
3. Sanctification is a process.
2 Peter 3:18 “But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ...”
Hebrews 12:1-2 “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Eight elements of sanctification in 2 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

How are we sanctified?

1. By His Word.
John 17:17 “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”
Psalm 119:9 “Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.”
Hebrews 4:12 “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.”
2. By our relationship with Jesus Christ. (John 15:1-14)
3. By the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.
I Corinthians 6:19 “What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?”
2 Corinthians 3:18 “...are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

What are the Christian’s responsibilities in sanctification?

1. Trust God’s purpose and role in this process.
Philippians 1:6 “Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:”
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.”
Proverbs 4:23 “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.”
2. Exercise godliness.
I Timothy 4:7 “...and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.”
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.
Ephesians 4:22-24 “That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”

We should put off:

Anger
Lying
Gossip
Rebellion
Stealing

We should put on:

Self-control
Honesty
Peacemaking
Submission
Work