

## 4. SANCTIFICATION

### 1. DEFINITION OF SANCTIFICATION.

1. Setting apart of something or someone to a particular use or serve.
2. God setting apart the believer for Himself, from all evil use to be wholly used for Himself and His service.
3. Hebrew.
  1. To be clean, to make, pronounce or observe as clean.
  2. Translated, sanctify, sanctification, hallow, be holy, holiness.
4. To be separate, or to be set apart especially for holy use.

### 2. IMPORTANCE OF SANCTIFICATION.

1. I Thes. 4:3 - *"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification..."*
2. Heb. 12:14 - *"Without holiness no man shall see God..."*

### 3. SANCTIFICATION IS SEPARATION.

1. Separation from the evil of the world.
  1. Come out from among them and be separate.
  2. Love not the world nor the things in the world.
  3. Be ye holy as I am holy.
2. Separation unto God.
  1. A peculiar people, a holy nation.
  2. Levites separated unto God--a substitute for the firstborn which belonged to God.

### 4. SANCTIFICATION IS CLEANSING.

1. The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sins.
2. Sanctify through the washing of water of Word.
3. Cleanse self from all filthiness of flesh and spirit--perfecting holiness.

4. Lasciousness is uncleanness.
5. He that hath this hope purified himself.
6. Present unto himself a church without spot or wrinkle.

## 5. MEANS OF SANCTIFICATION.

1. The Blood of Christ.
  1. Heb. 13:12 - *"Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate."*
  2. I John 1:7 - *"...and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."*
2. The Word of God.
  1. Eph. 5:26 - *"That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word."*
  2. John 15:3 - *"Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."*
3. Holy Spirit.
  1. I Cor. 6:11 - *"...washed sanctified, justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."*
  2. II Thes. 2:13
  3. I Peter 1:2
  4. The spirit of holiness.

## 6. FALSE VIEWS OF SANCTIFICATION.

1. Eradication.
  1. Definite work of grace eradicates inbred sin.
  2. Fails to recognize two natures.
  3. If so, no sickness, death.
2. Legalism.
  1. Doctrine of salvation or sanctification by good works.
  2. By being bound by laws and regulations; live sanctified life.

3. Asceticism.
  1. Experience sanctification or higher spiritual state by rigorous self-denial and self-discipline.
  2. Holds that flesh and matter evil.
  3. Form of self-crucifixion.

7. BIBLICAL VIEW OF SANCTIFICATION.

1. Instantaneous and progressive.
2. Positional and practical.
3. Judicial and experiential.
4. Act and process.

8. TIME OF SANCTIFICATION.

1. Positional or judicial.
  1. Moment born again, instantaneous.
  2. I Cor. 6:11 - *"...but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the spirit of our God."*
  3. Heb. 10:10 - *"By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."*
  4. God counts us as sanctified.
  5. Why we are saints.
2. Practical or Experiential.
  1. Command to grow in grace and knowledge.
  2. I Thes. 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."*
  3. I Cor. 7:1 - *"...let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."*
  4. II Peter 3:18 - *"But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord"*

*and Saviour Jesus Christ."*

5. The process of sanctification.

9. JUSTIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION.

1. Justification declared us righteous; sanctification, become righteous.
2. Justification right relationship with God; sanctification fruit of that relationship.
3. Justification declares us right legally; sanctification makes us righteous, experientially.

