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Sanctification comes from the verb sanctify. Sanctify originates from the Greek word *hagiazō*, which means to be "*separate*" or to be "*set apart*." At one's conversion, (*when one accepts Jesus Christ by faith*) the *Holy Spirit* enters in one's life and begins the lifelong process of conforming or molding us into the image of Christ. Sanctification is not sinlessness or about earning God's favor. It is simply making the believer more like Christ.

Does God's Word describe the purpose of sanctification?

"For this is the will of God, even your *sanctification*..." (1 Thessalonians 4:3).

"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" (Ephesians 5:27).

What exactly happens after one accepts Jesus Christ as Savior and LORD?

"That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the *Spirit* through faith" (Galatians 3:14).

"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another *Comforter*, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the *Spirit* of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth

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**YOU ARE A LIVING
TEMPLE OF THE
LIVING GOD**

with you, and shall be *in* you” (John 14:16-17).

What work does God begin to do for us and through us?

“A new *heart* also will I give you, and a new *spirit* will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them” (Ezekiel 36:26-27).

“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” (2 Corinthians 3:18).

Does God truly dwell in the hearts of his people?

“Know ye not that *ye* are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in *you* ?” (1 Corinthians 3:16).

“And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the *temple* of the living God; as hath said, I will *dwell* in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people” (2 Corinthians 6:16).

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What is our role in the process of sanctification?

Daily Submit - “And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him *deny* himself, and take up his cross and follow me” (Luke 9:23).

Trust God - “For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by *faith*” (Galatians 5:5).

Follow God - “But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and *follow* after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness” (1 Timothy 6:11).

NOTE: It must be understood, the above mentioned choices and actions come only by the grace of God, through faith, and by the power of the Holy Spirit!

“For it is *God* which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure” (Philippians 2:13).

How does one know if they are indwelt with the Holy Spirit?

“But the *fruit* of the *Spirit* is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law” (Galatians 5:22-23).

“If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father *give* the Holy Spirit to them that

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DO NOT GRIEVE
THE HOLY SPIRIT

ask him?” (Luke 11:13).

Can we frustrate the Holy Spirit’s work in us?

“And *grieve* not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are *sealed* unto the day of redemption” (Ephesians 4:30).

“...*quench* not the Spirit” (1 Thessalonians 5:19).

So sanctification is a life long experience?

“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 1:6).

“For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed *day* by day” (2 Corinthians 4:16).

Is there anything else that contributes to our sanctification?

“But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the *Spirit* and belief of the *truth*” (2 Thessalonians 2:13).

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WALK IN FAITH

“*Sanctify* them through thy *truth*: thy *word* is truth” (John 17:17).

“For the fruit of the *Spirit* is in all goodness and righteousness and *truth*; Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord” (Ephesians 5:9-10).

What role do good works play in our sanctification?

“For we are *his* workmanship, created in Christ Jesus *unto* good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10).

“Who gave himself for us, that *he* might redeem us from all iniquity, and *purify* unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works” (Titus 2:14).

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may *see* your good works, and glorify your *Father* which is in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

NOTE: Sanctification is something God does for us by the Holy Spirit, it is not something we do to ourselves, by our efforts or good works. It is something God does for us, which glorifies Him and gives witness to others. We passively dependent on God to do what He promised, while actively choosing and following God by faith.

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Our works do not generate
righteousness, rather our righteousness
in Christ generates works.

Martin Luther

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Who receives the credit or the glory for our sanctification?

“*I will* make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir” (*Isaiah 13:12*).

“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” (*2 Corinthians 3:18*).

“Not by works of righteousness which *we* have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and *renewing* of the Holy Ghost” (*Titus 3:5*).

What is the end goal of our sanctification?

“That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of *God*, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as *lights* in the world” (*Philippians 2:15*).

“Be ye therefore *followers* of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as *Christ* also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour” (*Ephesians 5:1-2*).

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Who has changed our hearts and lives?

“For ye were sometimes darkness, but *now* are ye light in the Lord: *walk* as children of light” (Ephesians 5:8).

“And such were some of you: 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” (1 Corinthians 6:11).

“For both *he* that *sanctifieth* and they who are *sanctified* are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren” (Romans 8:29).

“Thou art worthy, O *Lord*, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast *created* all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created” (Revelation 4:11).