

THEOLOGICAL DEFINITIONS

04. "Sanctification"

"To be separated *from* evil and set apart *to* God"

"To progressively realize our potential *in* Christ"

Sanctification is the process of bringing our fallen human nature ("the old man") progressively under the influence of our born-again nature ("the new man"). Sanctification is an act of God's grace. We cannot sanctify ourselves, for that would be works, not grace. Our proper response is to commit to His Lordship in every area of our lives. Only then, will we be changed through the application of His Word, and by the power of His Spirit. Complete sanctification is not possible in this life, but we can become more like Him and less like the world every day.

(1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NKJV) "Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? {20} For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

TWO CONDITIONS FOR SANCTIFICATION

1. FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOR AND LORD

Faith secures our union with Christ, which is accomplished in our new birth (Galatians 2:20). Faith makes the life-changing power of His living Word come alive in us.

2. A WILLINGNESS TO SUBMIT TO CHANGE

Willingness to change requires having a teachable heart.

(Psalms 139:23-24 NLT) "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. {24} Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life."

Homework Assignment

Write a paragraph of 50 to 100 words on what you would tell somebody about what sanctification means to you personally.

Turn it in on a separate 8 ½ x 11 sheet at the beginning of the next class. If possible, please print this off your computer. Otherwise, a clearly handwritten paper will be accepted. Include your name, date and Theological Term at the top of the page.

BUZZ WORDS

- 1. To separate from evil**
- 2. Realize your Potential**
- 3. Progressive**

Study these Scriptures:

**Romans 6:13
Eph. 5:25-27
Col. 3:9-10**