

Sanctification



149) What is sanctification?

- A. It is salvation applied to the soul of man. It is a process that begins at our new birth and continues until we either die or are raptured.

"Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed - not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence -continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, [13] for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose."

PHIL 2:12-13 NIV

"And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed."

ROM 13:11 NIV

"Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, [11] and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

2PET 1:10-11 NIV

"Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory."

2TIM 2:10 NIV

150) What does the word "sanctification" mean?

- A. The word "sanctification" comes from the word "holy." It means to be "separated; to be made holy; consecrated to God." It is a two-fold process. While we are being **separated from sin** and our old nature, we are also **separated unto God**.

"To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ - their Lord and ours:"

1COR 1:2 NIV

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"You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; [23] to be made new in the attitude of your minds; [24] and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."

EPH 4:22-24 NIV

151) What does the word "saint" mean?

- A. The word "saint" is also derived from the word "holy." All who are "born again" or born twice (once naturally and once spiritually) are "saints." God has separated you from sin, your old life, your old master (Satan) and made you His. It is a common name for a Christian. It is incorrect to think of a saint as a special or advanced Christian.

"Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons:"

PHIL 1:1 NIV

"For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,"

COL 1:13 NIV

"I (God) will rescue you (Paul) from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them [18] to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me."

ACT 26:17-18 NIV

152) Why do we need to be sanctified?

- A. After our spirit man becomes alive unto God through justification, our soul needs to "catch up" with the transformation that has taken place in our heart. It is not enough that we live in the kingdom of God. We must act like citizens of that kingdom.

"to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles with the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit."

ROM 15:16 NIV

153) Who accomplishes the work of sanctification in our life?

- A. The Holy Spirit is the agent of all change in our life. If we cooperate with the Holy Spirit, we will be made like our Lord and Savior.

"And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."

1COR 6:11 NIV

"But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth."

2THESS 2:13 NIV

154) What are the prominent parts of the soul?

- A. Mind - where our thinking takes place.
- B. Will - where our choices are made.
- C. Emotions - where our feeling are processed.

155) What happens when salvation comes to our mind?

- A. God renews our mind. He transforms our thinking from thoughts of fear to faith, from sensual to spiritual, and changes us from selfish to selfless. God teaches us to think a whole new way.

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will."

ROM 12:2 NIV

"to be made new in the attitude of your minds,"

EPH 4:23 NIV

"and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator."

COL 3:10 NIV

156) What happens when salvation comes to our will?

- A. We learn to surrender our will to God. God's will becomes our will. Anywhere there is conflict between God's desires and our desires, we must yield to God.

"You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires,"

EPH 4:22 NIV

"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

LUKE 22:42 NIV

"For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me."

JOHN 6:38 NIV

"I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

PSA 40:8 NIV

157) What happens when salvation comes to our emotions?

- A. God brings balance to our emotional life. How we are brought up and the hurts we experience, effect our emotional response to people and circumstances. As we respond to life, we can grow hard-hearted, not caring about others or we might ride an emotional roller coaster through life. God brings healing to the hurts and restores us to a balanced, God centered, emotional life. We learn to live by faith and not by feelings.

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"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."

EZE 36:26 KJV

"We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;
[9] Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;"

2COR 4:8-9 KJV

"You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit."

1THESS 1:6 NIV

158) What happens if I am slow or fail to respond to God's promptings for change?

- A. God desires that we change to become like Him. If we are slow to respond or will not respond, God loves us enough to discipline and chastise us.

"When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world."

1COR 11:32 NIV

"And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: 'My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, [6] because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.' [7] Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? [8] If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. [9] Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! [10] Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. [11] No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it."

HEB 12:5-11 NIV

"He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful."

JOHN 15:2 NIV

"Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent."

REV 3:19 NIV

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Homework for Chapter 12

Please answer the following questions from the textbook in full sentences and return to your Group Leaders next week.

- 1) Define sanctification.

- 2) Explain why we need to be sanctified.

- 3) Explain what happens when salvation comes to our mind, will, and emotions.

- 4) Explain what measures God takes if we are slow or unwilling to respond to Him.
