

## **Chapter 7: Sanctification Will Insure Your Spiritual Success**

When the Holy Spirit came, he was to remain on earth; his dispensation began when the dispensation of Christ ended, and will continue until Jesus Christ's return.

After baptism (conversion), there is needed a new adjustment in the family of God. Just as there is needed an "orientation" of the freshman in college to the new surroundings. There is needed an adjustment of heart and life with the babe in Christ to his new environments. The work of the Holy Spirit, with our cooperation, makes this adjustment. This whole process of adjustment to the new surroundings in the spiritual kingdom is called "sanctification."



The Holy Spirit operates in conversion and in sanctification through the truth of God.

The meaning of sanctification is:

1. Spiritual growth
2. Growing away from sin, the world, and evil.
3. Growing closer to God.
4. Increasing holiness.

James 4:7-10 describes the process of sanctification for the newly born Christian: “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.”

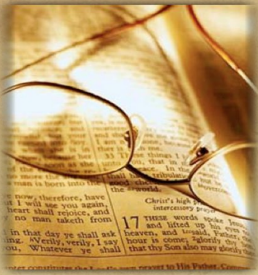
Here is another description of sanctification from the NIV translation: “Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober . . . As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.” 1 Peter 1:13

It should be kept in mind that our sanctification is the work of the Holy Spirit; no one can sanctify himself, just like no one can save himself from sin.

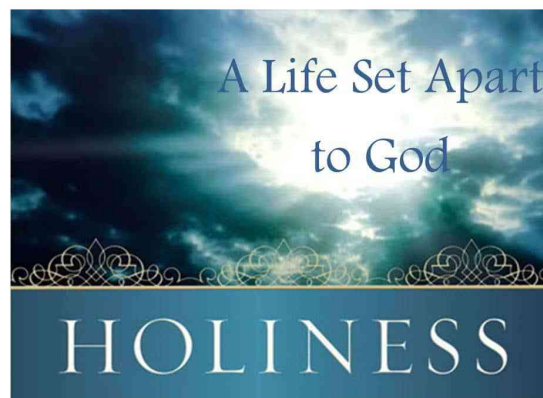
In the original language of the New Testament, the word “church” means “the called out.” Peter wrote of the sanctification (holiness) of the Christian:

“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;” 1 Peter 2:9

## Definition Of Church



- ➔ Ekklesia means “to call out.” The church is the “called out ones of God” - 2 Thess 2:14
- ➔ Secularly, the term referred to a public forum.
- ➔ Scripturally, it is rooted in the Jewish synagogue - Acts 7:38



Hence, "sanctification" is the process by which the Holy Spirit makes men and women holy; therefore, it is a progressive work which began at the conversion of the sinner and is carried on through the sanctification of the Christian.

Christians are encouraged to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." (2 Pet, 3: 18.) Newborn babes are encouraged to "long for the spiritual milk which is without guile," that they "may grow thereby unto salvation." (1 Pet. 2: 2.) Conversion is followed by sanctification; both are accomplished by the Holy Spirit through the word of God.

Jesus prayed that his disciples should be sanctified. "Sanctify them in the truth : thy word is truth." (John 17: 17.)

Only believers can be sanctified with the sanctification of the Holy Spirit. It is impossible for the sinner to be set apart to the service of God so long as he remains in sin.

"God chose you from the beginning unto salvation in sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." (2 Thessalonians 2: 13.)

Sanctification presents two aspects—a putting off and a putting on. "That ye put away, as concerning your former manner of life, the old man, that waxeth corrupt after the lusts of deceit ; and that ye be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new man, that after God hath been created in righteousness and holiness of truth." (Ephesians 4: 22-24.)

Paul's mission among the Gentiles was to "open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive remission of sins and an inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith in me." (Acts 26: 18.)

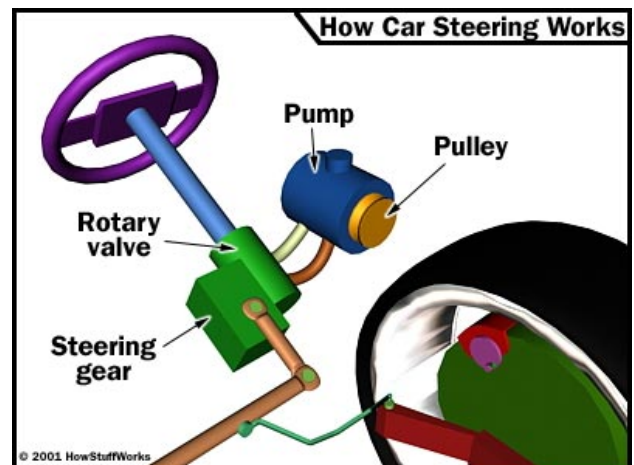


In writing to the Romans, Paul exhorted them : "By the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God." (Rom. 12: 1.)

The thought is kept before Christians that they are dedicated, consecrated, set apart to the worship and service of God. Sanctification has reference to the process which affects the spiritual life of the Christian.

“...Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;” 1 Peter 3:15

**Have you ever tried to drive a car with a broken power steering pump?**



Much like a power steering pump helps us turn the steering wheel, our “PARACLETE” helps us in the sanctification process!

“... I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.” John 16:5-7

Jesus uses the word “Helper” to describe the Holy Spirit. The Greek word for “Helper” is “PARACLETE.”

PARAKLETOS means Advocate, Helper, Comforter, called to give aid.

**The Holy Spirit helps us resist sin and grow spiritually!**

“ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:16

## Chapter 7 Test: Sanctification will insure your spiritual success

1. What is a good definition of Repentance, Conversion, and Sanctification?

A change of mind brought about by Godly sorrow that results in a reformation of life

2. Who is responsible for our sanctification?

The Holy Spirit

3. How is conversion different from sanctification?

Conversion is a onetime event while sanctification is a lifelong process.

4. What does the Greek word *Ekklesia* (Church) mean?

The called out 1 Peter 2:9

5. Therefore \_\_\_\_\_ to God. \_\_\_\_\_ the devil and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ near to God and He will \_\_\_\_\_ near to you. \_\_\_\_\_ your hands, you sinners; and \_\_\_\_\_ your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.” James 4:7-10

Submit – resist – draw – draw – cleanse – purify – humble



6. <sup>20</sup> But you have not so learned Christ, <sup>21</sup> if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: <sup>22</sup> that you \_\_\_\_\_, concerning your former conduct, the \_\_\_\_\_ which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, <sup>23</sup> and be \_\_\_\_\_ in the spirit of your mind, <sup>24</sup> and that you \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.” Ephesians 4:20-24

Put off – old man – renewed – put – new – man

7. Explain how a vehicle’s power steering applies to how the Holy Spirit helps us:

Trying to live a “sanctified” life without the Holy Spirit is like driving with broken power steering. You make it hard on yourself. But with the Holy Spirit’s help, you are empowered. You ask for help and try and the Holy Spirit will easily turn the wheel.

8. What does the Greek word for Helper (*Parakletos*) mean?

The Holy Spirit, Advocate, Helper, Comforter

9. What does the phrase “old man” mean in Ephesians 4:22? It is referring our carnal character when living in sin.

10. List the four meanings of sanctification given in the booklet:

spiritual growth – growing away from sin – growing closer to God  
– increasing holiness