

BIG WORDS IN THE BIBLE

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#2 = SANCTIFICATION

1 Thessalonians 4:3-4

THE DEFINITION OF SANCTIFICATION

- Sanctification = “_____”; dedication to the Lord and/or moral purity; to consecrate or set apart”
- Sanctify = “To set apart for special use; to make holy; to consecrate”
- The word _____ means “sanctified ones.”

THE THREE FORMS OF SANCTIFICATION

1. _____ Sanctification.

- a. The moment you get saved, you are also sanctified – set apart, separated unto God. (1 Cor. 6:11)
- b. This is a one-time, once-forever sanctification. (Hebrews 10:10)
- c. Before you were saved, you sins had separated you _____ God.
- d. After you trusted Christ as Savior, you were separated _____ God, _____ God.

2. _____ Sanctification.

- a. We are positionally holy in the eyes of God, but we still need _____ holiness.
- b. This is the same idea as growing in grace. (2 Peter 3:18)
- c. Another way of looking at it would be gaining spiritual maturity.
- d. At salvation, God began to make us like Christ and the work in us continues. (Phil. 1:6; Rom. 8:29)
- e. Progressive sanctification is about separating _____ the world, _____ God.
- f. You were separated unto God for a purpose. (John 17:17-19)
- g. God has a work for you to do, but some purging and sanctifying might be required. (2 Tim. 2:21)

3. _____ Sanctification.

- a. 1 Thessalonians 5:23, “And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly...”
- b. This will not happen until we reach the shores of Heaven. (Also called glorification.)

HOW WE CONTINUE TO GROW IN SANCTIFICATION

1. Study, obey, and _____ the Word of God.

- a. 1 Peter 1:15-16, “But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.”
- b. We are supposed to be _____ of Jesus to this world.
- c. Show your salvation. Reflect Christ to the world because He is working in you. (Phil. 2:12-13)
- d. You have to _____ sanctification. (Hebrews 12:14; John 15:3; John 17:17)
- e. The Bible is not just about information; it is also about _____. (Rom. 12:2)

2. _____ to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

- a. Galatians 5:16, “This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”
- b. The Holy Spirit is the One doing the work of sanctification in your life.
- c. Romans 6:13, “...yield yourselves unto God...”
- d. Growth will happen in your life because you are listening to and obeying the Holy Spirit.

3. Do not let sin _____ in your life.

- a. You will sin, but you should not _____ in sin.
- b. Every moment spent in sin is a moment of sanctification wasted.

*Have you been sanctified? Are you saved?
Are you seeking to grow in your Christian life?
What _____ are you taking to become more like Jesus?*