

Week 18: Sanctification – Salvation from the Power of Sin (Fellowship)

Grudem_{ST} 38; Grudem_{BD} 23; Ryrie 67

A. Definitions

1. A progressive work of God and man that makes us more and more free from sin and like Christ in our actual lives (Grudem, 746)
2. Word group: *hagiazō* (to sanctify); *hagios* (holy, saint); *hagiasmos* (sanctifying, sanctification)

B. Stages of Sanctification

1. Past – at justification/regeneration because of the cross (our ***position***) (1Cor. 6:11; Heb. 10:10)
 - a. Every believer in Christ has been sanctified and is called a saint (Acts 20:32; 1Cor. 1:2)
2. Present – increases throughout life (our ***condition***) (Heb. 10:14)
 - a. We are *being conformed* to the image of Christ (Rom. 8:29; 2Cor. 3:18; Col. 3:10)
3. Future – completed at death or return of the Lord – ***glorification*** (Rom. 8:18-25)
 - a. We will be presented to Christ as perfect, free from sin (Eph. 5:25-27; Jude 24)

C. Agents in Sanctification

1. God the Father
 - a. He sanctifies us wholly: body, mind & spirit (1Thess. 5:23)
 - b. God is at work in us, both to will and to work for His good pleasure (Phil. 2:13)
2. God the Son
 - a. Through His death, Jesus became our sanctification (1Cor. 1:30)
 - b. In His life, Jesus is the perfecter of our faith (Heb. 12:2; 1Pet. 2:21; 1John 2:6)
3. God the Holy Spirit
 - a. We are sanctified by the Holy Spirit (2Thess. 2:13; 1Pet. 1:2)
 - b. We are led by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:4, 14; Gal. 5:16-18)
4. Our role in sanctification
 - a. Passive
 1. Yield and present yourselves to God (Rom. 6:13, 19; 12:1)
 - b. Active
 1. Work out your salvation with fear and trembling (Phil. 2:12), Strive for holiness (Heb. 12:14), “Let us cleanse ourselves” (2Cor. 7:1), Abstain from the passions of the flesh (1Pet. 2:11)
 - c. But...how is this done?

D. How to be Saved from the Power of Sin (Romans 6-8) (Anderson, 251-264)

1. **Know** the facts of our identification with Him (Rom. 6:1-11)
 - a. “We ***know*** that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.” (Rom. 6:6)
2. **Believe** the truth of our identification with Him (Rom. 6:1-11)
 - a. “Now if we have died with Christ, we ***believe*** that we will also live with him.” (Rom. 6:8)
3. **Reckon** on the truths of our identification with Him (Rom. 6:1-11)
 - a. “So you also must ***consider*** yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.” (Rom. 6:11)
 - b. Gr. *logizomai* – an accounting term, crediting to one’s account...to bank on
4. **Present** yourselves to God (Rom. 6:12-14)
 - a. “Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but ***present*** yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.” (Rom. 6:13)
 - b. Gr. *paristemi* – literally means to stand alongside...to choose to stand with Christ, not sin
5. **Obe**y God (Rom. 6:15-23)
 - a. “Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you ***obey***, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?” (Rom. 6:16)
 - b. “But now that ***you have been set free from sin*** and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to ***sanctification*** and its end, eternal life.” (Romans 6:22, ESV)

E. Substitutionary Life of Christ

1. “For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, ***shall we be saved by his life.***” (Rom. 5:10)
2. “I have been crucified with Christ. ***It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.***” (Gal. 2:20)
3. Now we can “walk by the Spirit” and “not gratify the desires of the flesh” (Rom. 13:14; Gal. 5:16)
4. The righteous will live and walk by faith (Hab. 2:4; Rom. 1:17; Gal. 3:11; Heb.10:38)
5. When sin knocks at your door, send Christ to answer (Anderson, 258)