

CSM

Student Notes

Complete Salvation

Sanctification

The Spiritual Life

Complete Salvation- Sanctification – The Spiritual Life

INTRODUCTION

The Focus of this session:

How is Complete Salvation, Sanctification, and the Spiritual life related and what do each of these have in common?

In this session there will be four terms that will be referenced:

1. Justification
2. Regeneration
3. Sanctification
4. Glorification

Our primary focus will be on. . .

1. Justification
2. Regeneration
3. **Sanctification**
4. Glorification

1Thessalonians 5:23

Now may the God of peace Himself **sanctify you completely**; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2Thessalonians 2:13

But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning **chose you for salvation through sanctification** (*hagiasmos*) by the Spirit and belief in the truth,

What is the relationship between “Salvation” and “Sanctification” ?

1. Salvation is the act by which God sets the believer apart to Himself in Holiness by giving him the righteousness of Christ. **This is Positional Truth.**
2. Sanctification is the process by which the believer is practically and progressively set apart to God in holy living and separated from sinful living. **This is Practical Truth.**
3. The spiritual life is really the process of making true in practice what is already true in position.

1Peter 1:14-15 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;(The word 'conversation' here is the Greek word for “Life Style”).

The Purpose of Sanctification:

God's purpose in saving us and the reason He called us is to place us back in the position we were originally created to be "joint-heirs" with Christ.

Romans 8:16-17

The **Spirit** itself beareth witness **with our spirit**, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, **that we may also be glorified together.**

The purpose of the Holy Spirit/ Ghost is to help us reach that place in Christ.

- Many believer's believe that Christ is the Lifegiver, but they forget that He must be their "Life".
- Scripture tells us that if we "live" by the Spirit, we must also "walk" in the Spirit.

Galatians 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

- We are to produce **the fruit** of righteousness in our lives.

Philippians 1:10-11

That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

The Greek word for "fruit" is "*Karpos*" which means "that which is produced by the Spirit of God IN us.

- Fruit comes from sanctification, through the deliverance from a life of sin and self.
- This is why the filling of the Holy Spirit/Ghost is essential.
- "Fruit" is the visible expression of the power of God working in us.

Matthew 7:16-20

16 You shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20 Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them.

“ Our work is our fruit and our fruit is the product of our lives.”
(*The Pulpit Commentary*)

Matthew 5:6

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.”

Matthew 6:33

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,

Sanctification

What is Sanctification?

The word “sanctification” means “separated to God”

- It means to become clean, holy, and righteous in all we think, say and do.
- Sanctification is used with regard to both salvation and the spiritual life.

Sanctification means seeing the Life of God that was placed in our hearts when we were born again, actually begin to come forth and transform our souls.

- His thoughts become our thoughts
- His Love becomes our love.
- His will becomes our will.

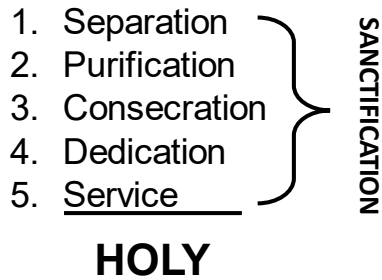
I Peter 1:16 because it is written, "**Be holy, (*hagios*)** for I am holy."

Romans 1:7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be **saints (*hagios*)**

A General Definition of (*hagios*)

1. To separate from an earthly and common use,
2. To consecrate, to set apart and make holy.
3. To devote
4. To dedicate to God and His service.
5. To purify, make clean.
6. To make holy.

Relationship between HOLY and SANCTIFICATION



Sanctification involves...

1. **Separation** – To set apart, Involves parting, departure, leaving, From something to something.
2. **Purification** – Cleansing, decontamination, refining.
3. **Consecration**- Make sacred, a serious commitment
4. **Dedication**-Devoting – Allegiance - Loyalty.
5. **Service** – Serving in Kingdom purpose.

= **Holiness**

SUMMARY:

Sanctification is the process by which according to the will of God, we are made partakers of His Holiness.

It is begun in regeneration, when we are born again and placed in Christ.

It is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, It is then a daily dealing with our sins and growth in holiness.

We can call this “Spiritual growth”.

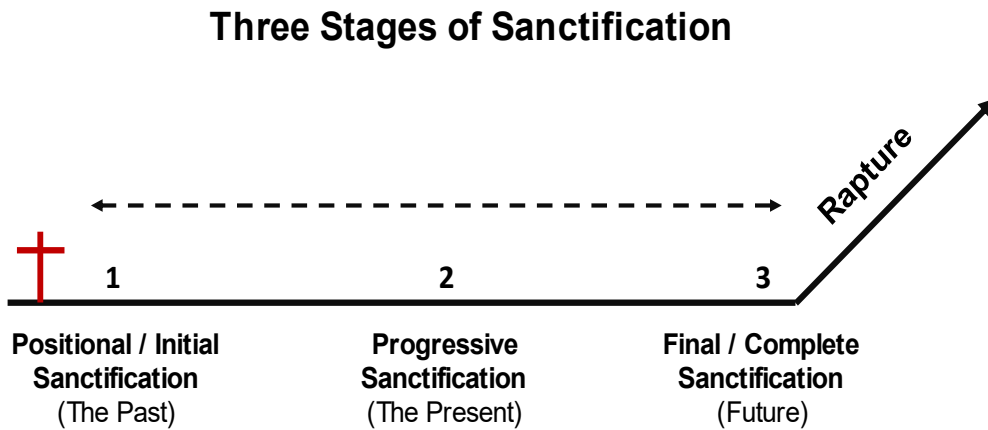
The process of sanctification purifies us, separates us from sin, and consecrates us to God. Sanctification is a life-long process by which we become overcomers.

Sanctification means being cleansed of any sin or self that would contaminate our soul.

- It's that time where we are emptied of our "self," and then filled back up with Christ's Life."
- As we give Him our life, He gives us His.

Sanctification is a three-stage process, Involving the past, present, and future.

PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION (Spiritual Growth)



Scripture reveals three phases of Salvation

1. **Justification / Regeneration** – Which means “declared righteous before God.”
We have been saved from the “penalty of sin.”

- In the case above we will mention Justification and Regeneration together.
- Justification is the imputing of righteousness to the believer, and regeneration is the implanting of righteousness into that same believer.
- Both happen at once, but they are different things.
- Justification refers to a believer's full acquittal before God.
- Regeneration refers to our being 'born again.

2. **Sanctification** - Salvation of the soul. **From the “Power of Sin.”**

3. **Glorification** – Saving of our bodies. **From the “Presence of Sin.”**

Complete Salvation is not only believing in the Lord and being born again, it is. . .

- Walking with the Lord.
- Partaking of His Life
- Overcoming the world, the flesh, the devil.
- Producing Fruit.
- Being Fruitful to the end.
- Bringing glory to Christ through our lives.

After our initial conversion and born-again experience God deals with us as “servants”.

God looks at our:

1. Faithfulness
2. Obedience
3. Perseverance

Believer's First Priority:

Matthew 6:33 "But seek **first** the kingdom of God and His righteousness,

We must **FIRST** and **ALWAYS** have a Kingdom Perspective.

It's not about...

- Denominations
- Organizations
- Affiliations
- Non-Affiliations

It's not about...

- Man written creeds.
- Man written organizational manuals filled with legislative rules of do's and don'ts.
- You cannot legislate Holiness.

It's about the Word of God. What Scripture says. The Word of TRUTH!

The Tripartite Being of Man

Man is composed of . . .

1. Spirit
2. Soul
3. Body

1Thessalonians 5:23

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Note the Order that Paul mentions these.

1Thessalonians 5:23

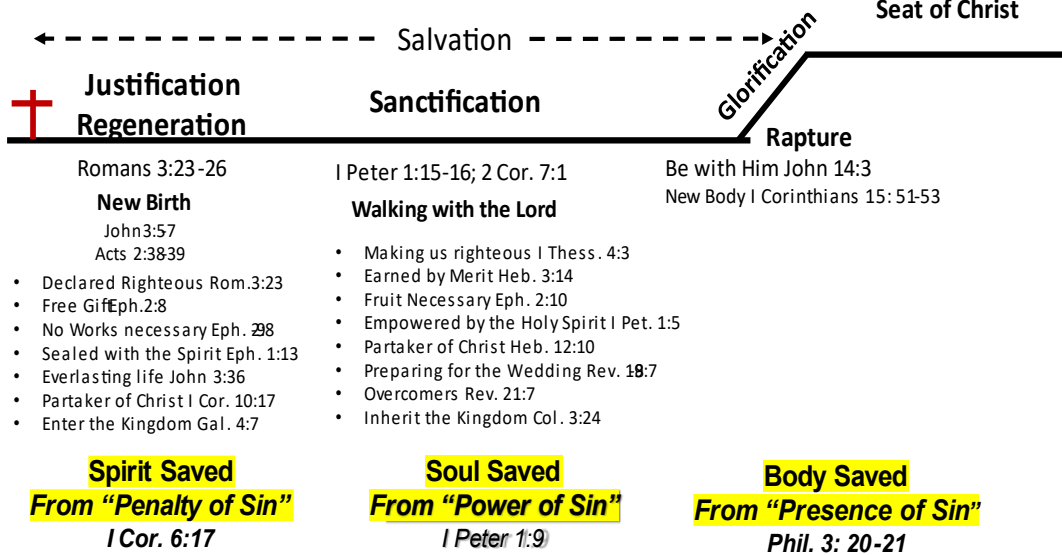
Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole **spirit, soul, and body** be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul is speaking here of "**Complete Salvation**"

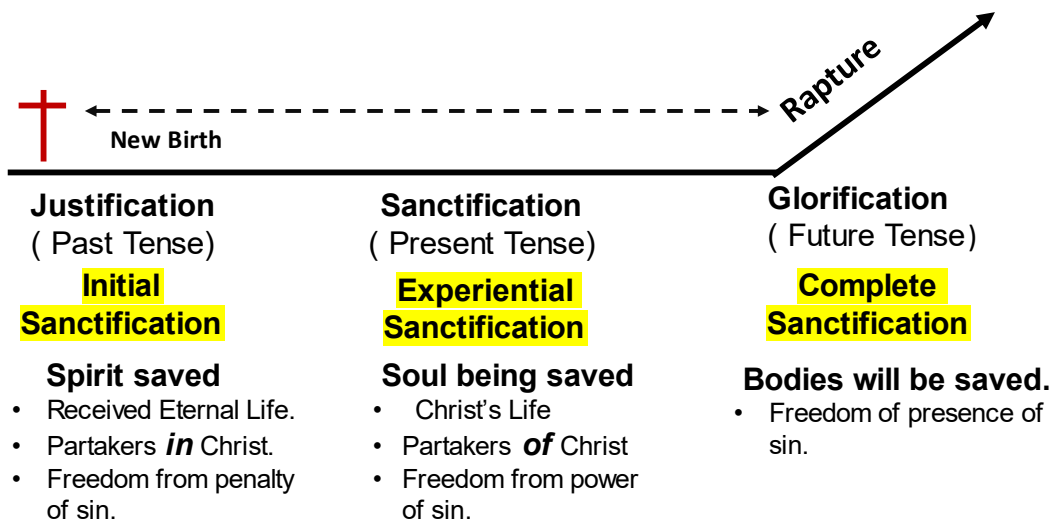
Complete Salvation

I Thessalonians 5:23

Judgment
Seat of Christ



Three Stages of Sanctification



A brief look at each of these stages of Sanctification:

I. The Initial stage of sanctification

Often referred to as “*Initial Sanctification*” occurs at the beginning of our Christian lives.

Salvation: What Christ did for us at the cross:

- Atonement – By His blood offering.
- A Ransom – We were bought with a price – Redemption

1Corinthians 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.

Titus 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

1Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Ephesians 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

If you have been born again and are in Christ you were sanctified by the blood of Jesus Christ in Salvation. That’s the past work of sanctification.

- It is an initial moral change, a break from the power and love of sin.
- It is the point at which believers can count themselves “dead to sin but alive to God.

Romans 6:11-13

11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

There is a re-orientation of desires, and we develop a love of righteousness.

II. Experiential Sanctification

(The Second Stage or Present stage of Sanctification)

This is the spiritual growth stage.

2 Peter 3:18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever.

2 Cor. 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

God's purpose for sanctification is that we might be "conformed into the image of Christ." It is here that we are being transformed from a soulish and fleshly man to a "spiritual man." We're learning how to actually live Christ's Life.

The Greek word for *conformed* is *sumorphos* which means "to jointly formed or fashioned unto. It's from the root word "*sun*", which "union, resemblance or completeness," and *morphe*, which means "adjustment or shape."

Experiential sanctification is the process by which we are shaped or fashioned into His resemblance. Experiential sanctification is God's will for everyone. 1Thessalonians 4:3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification:

It is only accomplished by...

1. Growing in the knowledge of His Word
2. Walking in obedience to His Word.
3. By being filled with the Spirit,
4. Led by the Spirit,
5. Walking in the Spirit.

The teaching surrounding the sanctification of the soul are the central subject of most of the Epistles from Romans to Jude.

Sanctification is how our soul is transformed and saved.

James 1:21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which **is able to save your souls.**

When God speaks of the "saving of the soul it's not the "new birth."

It is speaking about the cleansing, renewing, and transforming of those who already believe.

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

God's Pattern for Spiritual Growth

What are the ways in which this can be accomplished?

First:

- God's pattern for spiritual growth starts with understanding what the Bible says and what it means.
- To know truth you must know what the Bible says and what it means.

How do we come to know what the Bible says?

Ans. By hearing and receiving and studying the Word of God.

True sanctification begins with renewing your mind.

You must know the truth, plain and simple.

- You're not going to get there through some emotional or mystical, ritual experience.
- Spiritual growth don't just happen.
- It requires the discipline of constantly putting God's truth in your mind.
- A lack of biblical knowledge will always retard your spiritual growth.
- Apart from the truth of Scripture, there simply is no mechanism to restrain your sinful flesh.
- The only certain method for true spiritual growth starts with absorbing God's Word.

Second:

As you grow in your understanding of the Bible, you begin to develop convictions out of that understanding.

- Those convictions or beliefs determine how you live.
- As God's truth takes over your mind, it produces principles that you do not desire to violate.
- That is sanctification—it's the transformation of your heart and your will that compels you to obey God's Word.
- Obedience is required over sacrifice.

(1 Samuel 15:22 – “...to obey is better than sacrifice...”)

- Convictions won't compromise, no matter the cost.
- When you read the Bible, you're not just trying to know it academically.
- You're studying the Word of God to develop a set of convictions that...
 - rule your life,
 - inform your conscience,
 - and guide you toward greater Christlikeness.

Third:

The third step in the biblical process of sanctification is *affection*.

Colossians 3:2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

David said in Psalm 19, the Word of God is “more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.”

Loving God's Word is an inescapable attitude that will be reflected in the process of our sanctification.

What you don't do to produce “Spiritual growth.

- **You don't** read the Bible as mere education.
- **You don't** read it as a curiosity meant simply for intellectual stimulation.
- **You don't** study it just to win an argument.
- **You don't** approach it casually or carelessly,
- **You don't** disregard its truth.

If you're truly growing, you come to Scripture eager for the spiritual nourishment it alone provides.

- Peter wrote, “Like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow” 1 Pet. 2:2.
- Your affection and hunger for God's truth will be unquenchable, and nothing will keep you from it.
- If you truly love God's Word it will shape the way you live. It can't shape the way you live if you don't know it.

That's why any methods or patterns for spiritual growth that don't start with the study of God's truth cannot lead you to true sanctification.

The sanctification of the whole person—body, soul, and spirit—will finally be complete when the Lord Jesus returns and we receive glorified bodies.

1Thessalonians 5:23

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

III. The third and final stage of sanctification occurs in the future.

When Christ returns for His bride...

Ephesians 5:27 That He [*Jesus Christ*] might present [*the church*] to Himself a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Paul in his letter to the Corinthians believers...

2 Corinthians 11:2 "*That I may present you to Christ as a chaste virgin*"

Chaste (hagnos) = Properly clean, innocent, modest, pure. "*sanctified.*" VIRGIN!

1. Set apart
2. Purified
3. Dedicated
4. Consecrated
5. To Kingdom Service

Revelation 19:7-8

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and **his wife hath made herself ready**. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

Ephesians 5:27

"That He [*the Lord*] might present [*the church*] to Himself a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

Not having spot.

- Not having a stain
- a defect
- or any impurity
- still retaining the allusion to a bride, and to the care taken to remove every blemish.

Or any such thing. Nothing to deform, disfigure, or offend.

A glorious Church. A church full of honour, splendour, beauty

We are not talking about a material building.

- Cathedrals
- Multimillion dollar constructions.
- We are the church the ekklesia.(The Called Out Ones)

1Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Personally Reflecting His Glory

In the Old Testament the Shekinah Glory was the visible manifestation of God shown forth by light, fire, or a cloud. The word *glory* simply symbolizes the “presence of God.”

God’s purpose in calling us is to glorify Him in everything we do.

1Peter 4:11

If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in **all things may be glorified** through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever.

To glorify God means to personally reflect His presence, to manifest and show forth His Life and His radiance.

Glorifying God means displaying His character and all the fruits of the Spirit to the world.

Romans 15:6 That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

That God's glory is seen by the transformation of a believer's life.

Matthew 5:14-16

You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Part of the sanctification process is learning to be "conformed into Christ image" so that we can reflect, glorify, and mirror Him is all we do.

When Christ walked on the earth, He was a living illustration of the invisible God. By constantly glorifying His Father, He not only honored Him, He also gave the world a reason to believe in His reality.

We are to do the same.

- Our lives need to be a genuine living examples of Christ's character and His Love.
- Our words alone are not enough to communicate the Gospel.
- Our actions must go alongside.

The Subject of FAITH & WORKS:

2 Corinthians 7:1

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, **let us cleanse ourselves** from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

This poses the question of "**Faith**" and "**Works**".

Ephesians 2:8-9 For **by grace are you saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: **Not of works**, lest any man should boast.

James 2:17-18 Thus also **faith by itself, if it does not have works**, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

2 Corinthians 7:1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, **let us cleanse ourselves** from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

There are two extremes that we must here consider:

These extremes are “Faith or Works”

We must understand exactly what God means when He says “by faith” in Galatians 2:16.

Galatians 2:16

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

And what He means when He says “by works” in Matthew 16:27.

Matthew 16:27

For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

These seems to be two extremes in the way we view “faith” and “works”.

1. There are those who believe that we enter the Kingdom totally by faith and grace alone.
 - This is the doctrine of salvation by grace through faith, not as a result of works.
 - This is an overemphasis on grace and the confusion between justification and sanctification.
 - This position faith demands nothing of us, except we just rest in it.
2. On the other hand, there are those who believe we get into the Kingdom only by doing good works.

They teach that if you don't bring forth “fruit”, if you don't produce works of righteousness, there's a chance you're really not saved.

The following scriptures show how this confusion occurs:

Ephesians 2:8-9 For **by grace are ye saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: **Not of works**, lest any man should boast.

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may **see your good works**, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man **according to his works**.

This is why, there is such a huge misunderstanding in this area.

First:

Ephesians 2:8-9 is talking about *justification*, which requires absolutely NO WORKS at all. It is totally by faith.

However the last two verses (Matthew and the grace of God.5:16 and 16:27) are talking about the righteous **works that result from sanctification**.

In this context “works” refer to the **fruit of the Spirit** that faithful Spirit filled believers produce.

They are still produced by faith and God’s grace, but they totally depend upon our own moment-by-moment choice to allow the Holy Spirit/Ghost minister through us.

James said: James:18

“Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me your faith without your works, and I will shew you my faith by my works.”

In other words:

“ I will show you my justification (that I am born again) by my sanctification (by producing fruit in my life).

In Conclusion

It is my prayer that this course has been profitable for Doctrine, and spiritual growth in the Knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and for His Glory.

