

Selected Scriptures

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Sanctification: Then. Now. and One Day, For All Eternity!
(pt. 5)

INTRO: *Simul justus et peccator!*

Romans 6-8 establishes 3 vitally important
& immensely practical doctrines:

The **penalty** of sin has been _____ in full!

The **power** of sin is _____. Christians are now “free to be holy!

The **presence** of (indwelling) sin, and the ensuing holy war, _____!

I) The past tense aspect of sanctification is often called: _____.

We have been set apart _____ God, for God!

II) The present tense aspect of sanctification: _____.

III) **The future tense aspect of sanctification:** _____.

The mystery and wonder of sanctification is two-fold

a) **The believer is commanded in the Bible to be now- what he/she _____
in Christ; (a saint).** (Col. 1:2; 3:14; 2 Cor. 7:1; 1 Peter 1:15-16)

b) **The believer is commanded to be now what they cannot fully be until _____
and throughout eternity!** (1 John 3:1-3)

To help apply God's Word to your daily walk, spend some time going over the devotional on pp 3-4.

For Further Reflection: *Lord help us to be doers of the Word and not just sermon connoisseurs*

How were you encouraged, challenged, and/or convicted today? What did you learn? What helpful reminders did you hear today? What do you want to study further as a result of today's message?

This is part 5 of a summer sermon series on the pursuit of holiness and the quest for full assurance. Today's sermon builds on what was established in the previous four.

Why do you suppose today's sermon was titled: *Sanctification: Then. Now. and One Day, For All Eternity!* What did the preacher mean when he said, "It's very important that we understand what the Word of God teaches us concerning the past, present, and future tense aspects of sanctification?" Provide 1-2 biblical passages that talk about positional sanctification, progressive sanctification, and perfected sanctification? How are they related? How are they similar and/or different? How do these verses/truths relate to our daily Christian walk? Our pursuit of holiness? Our worship? Our prayer lives? Etc, etc.

Now that we are five sermons into our summer series: How would you define hyper-grace sanctification? What is graceless moralism or lower case "l" legalism? How do we avoid falling into these, are any other, theological ditch?

In and through Jesus Christ, the penalty of sin is paid for in full; the power of sin is broken; the presence of indwelling sin (however) remains, and an ongoing, holy war ensue. The battle continues until the day of our "final salvation!" Note Romans 6-7. Talk about the practical implications of these bedrock doctrines/biblical truths.

Read Hebrews 10:14; 2 Cor. 7:1; Phil. 2:12-13 and 1 John 3:1-3. During the climax of the sermon the preacher the two-fold mystery and wonder of sanctification. What were those twin truths and how ought they to impact the way we think, live, worship, pray, etc?

What have been saved from? What have we been saved unto? 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Eph. 2:1-10. Rom. 5:1-10. "Christ for pardon! Christ for power!"

"Progressive Sanctification may be defined as that gracious and continuous operation of the Holy Spirit, by which He delivers the justified sinner from the pollution of sin, renews his whole nature in the image of God, and enables Him to perform good works." Louis Berkhof.

Summarize what you remember from last week's sermon, "The Hole in our Holiness and the Great Commission Omission."

Holiness has fallen on hard times, even among believers. What is the "*hole* in our holiness and the great commission *omission*?" How does Titus 2:10-14 and Philippians 2:12-13 help us correct any imbalances? Said differently, how does the Holy Spirit of God working in tandem with the Holy Word of God (help) keep believers from drifting into moralism OR hyper-grace sanctification? Or graceless legalism or antinomianism? Some have rightly celebrated "all that Christ has saved us from; but many today give way too little thought and effort concerning all that Christ as saved us unto." Why do some people love reading about forensic justification and unconditional election, but cry "legalism!" if/when church leaders begin emphasizing what the Bible says concerning progressive sanctification; (fruit/good works/etc)?

Memorize Philippians 2:12-13; 2 Corinthians 7:1; 1 John 3:1-3

John Newton once said, "I am not the man I ought to be, I am not the man I wish to be and I am not the man I hope to be, but, by the grace of God, I am not the man I used to be."

Satan does do everything he can to distort the life-saving gospel; (Rom. 1:16-17; 6:1; Jude 3-4). He also wants Christian to justify laziness and spiritual indifference on the altar of sovereign (hyper) grace.

The Pursuit of Holiness and the Quest for Full Assurance
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“Working Out our Sanctification as the Spirit Working In and Through Us.” 6/2/24 sermon.

Philippians 2:12-13; *So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.*

3 Practical Implications from the book of Philippians.

Before throwing in the towel- or giving in, remember:

1) **Progressive Sanctification is spiritual and supernatural!**

2) **Progressive Sanctification is possible because the Helper is Not Only with Us, He’s also Powerfully Working *In* Us.** (He sanctifies our desires and empowers us!)

3) **Progressive Sanctification is possible because the Helper is Mightily Working In and Through Us for His good pleasure.** (Phil. 2:12-13; Phil 4:13)

The Gospel A, B, C’s:

A) The sole ground of our justification is the person and work of Christ. (Phil. 3:9; 1 Cor. 1:30)

B) The sole instrumental cause of our justification is faith alone. (Romans 3-5; Galatians 3)

C) The chief evidence of a justified believer is Spirit-wrought obedience. (Galatians. 5:22f; Romans 6-8; James 2; Titus 2:10-14; 1 John-see Pastor Josh’s msg.)

4 Biblical Truths Underscored in the Introductory Msg. (5/26 sermon)

1) A Faithful Pastor Leads, Feeds, Warns, Rescues, Watches Over and Protects the Flock Entrusted to his Watch Care.

(John 21:15-17; Jude 3-4; 1 Peter 5:1-5; Heb. 13:17; 2 Timothy 1-4)

2) Balanced Biblical Instruction and Soul-Care must be both Positive and Negative Depending on the Context and Circumstances.

(Titus 1:9-16; Titus 2:1, 11-15; Jude 3-4; Titus 3:10-11)

3) “We are Saved by Grace through Faith Alone but the Faith that Justifies is Never Alone.”

(Titus 2:1, 11-15; James 2:14-16; John 14:15, 23; Matthew 13:1-23)

4) The Grace that Freely Justifies, Progressively Sanctifies all (True) Believers.

(Rom. 6-8; 10:9f; John 3:36; 20:28-31; Eph. 2:1-10)

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