



# Foundations of the Faith

What Next?

# Sanctification

There are 3 types or kinds of sanctification

1. Positional Sanctification
2. Ultimate or Perfect Sanctification
3. Existential or Progressive Sanctification

# Sanctification

## Positional

### We are called “Saints”

- to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as [a]saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom 1:7)
- And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. (Acts 20:32)
- To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, [a]saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours: (1Cor.1:2)
- Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.(1Cor.6:11)

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- By [a]this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. (Heb.10:10)
- For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are [a]sanctified. (Heb.10:14)
- Jude, a bond-servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of [b]James, To those who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ (Jude 1)

# Sanctification

Positional

**Is a result of God's activity!**

- So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and [a]patience; (Col 3:12)
- Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession (Heb 3:1)
- then He [a]said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will." He takes away the first in order to establish the second. 10 By [b]this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. (Heb.10:9-10)

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- He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (2Cor.5:21)
- To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, [a]saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours: (1Cor 1:2)
- Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor [a]effeminate, nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 Such were some of you; but you **were** washed, but you **were** sanctified, but you **were** justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God. (1Cor 6:9-10)

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- By [a]this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. (Heb 10:10)
- How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? (Heb 10:29)
- For both He who sanctifies and those who are [a]sanctified are all from one Father; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, (Heb 2:11)

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Positional

**Is a result of God's activity!**

- For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the [a]cleansing of the flesh, 14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through [b]the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse [c]your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? (Heb 9:13-14)
- For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are [a]sanctified. (Heb 10:14)
- Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate. (Heb 13:12)

# Sanctification

## Positional

### **By God's activity we are made perfect!**

- to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, (Heb 12:23)

### **We can now approach God with full acceptance!**

- Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a [a]sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. (Heb 10:19-22)

# Sanctification

## Positional

### God loves us with the same love He has for the Son

- I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected [a]in unity, so that the world may [b]know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me. (John 17:23)
- Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before [a]Him. In love 5 [b]He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the [c]kind intention of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. (Eph 1:3-6)

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Positional

God loves us with the same love He has for the Son

- Romans 8:28-39
- Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them [a]to the end. (John 13:1)

# Sanctification

## Positional

### God sees us in light of His work (as justified, sanctified, glorified)

- For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; 30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. (Rom 8:29-30)
- But [a]by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, [b]and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, (1Cor 1:30)
- By [a]this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all... For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are [c]sanctified. (Heb. 10:10,14)

# Sanctification

## Positional

### God sees us as adopted children, kings, priests, heirs with Christ

- For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. (Gal 3:26)
- He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the [b]kind intention of His will, (Eph 1:5)
- and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him. (Rom 8:17)
- Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God. (Rom 7:4)

# Sanctification

Positional

What of this could we ever earn or deserve?!

# Sanctification

Ultimate

**We will some day be just like Jesus**

- And we know that [a]God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. 29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; (Rom 8:28-29)
- Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. (1John 3:2-3)

# Sanctification

Ultimate

**We will some day be just like Jesus**

- Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, 26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 that He might present to Himself the church [a]in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. (Eph 5:26-27)
- Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised [a]imperishable, and we will be changed. (1Cor. 15:51-52)

But What About Now?

# Sanctification

Progressive

**We are in the process of becoming like Jesus now!**

- For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. (Phil 1:6)
- Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on [a]so that I may lay hold of that [b]for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let us therefore, as many as are [c]perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you; (Phil 3:12-15)

# Sanctification

Progressive

**It begins when we are born again in Christ.**

- Therefore if anyone is in Christ, [a]he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. (2Cor 5:17)
- Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must be born [a]again.’ 8 The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.” (John 3:5-8)

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## Progressive

**It is a progressive dealing with our sin and a move toward holiness.**

- Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before [a]Him. (Eph 1:3-4)

# Sanctification

## Progressive

It involves our availability to the Holy Spirit, separation from sin, and growth in the likeness of Christ.

- Food is for the [a]stomach and the [b]stomach is for food, but God will do away with both [c]of them. Yet the body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body. 14 Now God has not only raised the Lord, but will also raise us up through His power. (1Cor 6:13-14)
- Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. (2Cor 7:1)
- Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, [a]acceptable to God, which is your [b]spiritual service of worship. (Rom 12:1)

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## Progressive

It involves our availability to the Holy Spirit, separation from sin, and growth in the likeness of Christ.

- Read Romans 6:5-23

## The Spirit uses the Word of God

- Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You.  
(Psalm 119:11)

## Christ intercedes for us

- who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was [a]raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.  
(Rom 8:34)
- Therefore He is able also to save [a]forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. (Heb 7:25)

# Sanctification

Progressive

**The Holy Spirit indwells us enabling us to overcome sin and conform to Christ.**

- But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. 17 For the flesh [a]sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you [b]please. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. 19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: [c]immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, [d]factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (Gal 5:16-23)

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Progressive

Yet full provision has been made for our STUMBLINGS.

- If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; 7 but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us. (1John 1:6-10)

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Progressive

**STUMBLING is different than willful disobedience.**

- I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who **wants to do good**. (Rom 7:21)
- But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; (2 Cor 4:7)
- If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. (1John 1:8)

**But the same promise applies**

- If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1John 1:9)

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## Progressive

Progressive is just that, the progressive transformation of the follower of Christ, by the Spirit into the likeness of Christ and His holiness.

- Galatians 5
- Ephesians 5
- You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, 18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. (2Peter 3:17-18)
- For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; (Rom 8:29)

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- 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 from the Lord, the Spirit. (2Cor 3:18)

# Sanctification

Progressive

**The Holy Spirit applies Christ's victory to us at conversion.**

- But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead [a]in our transgressions, made us alive together [b]with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. (Eph 2:4-7)

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Progressive

**The Sanctified life is living that out.**

- I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and [a]the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. (Gal 2:20)
- For you have not received a spirit of slavery [a]leading to fear again, but you have received [b]a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!” (Rom 8:15)
- Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” (Gal 4:6)