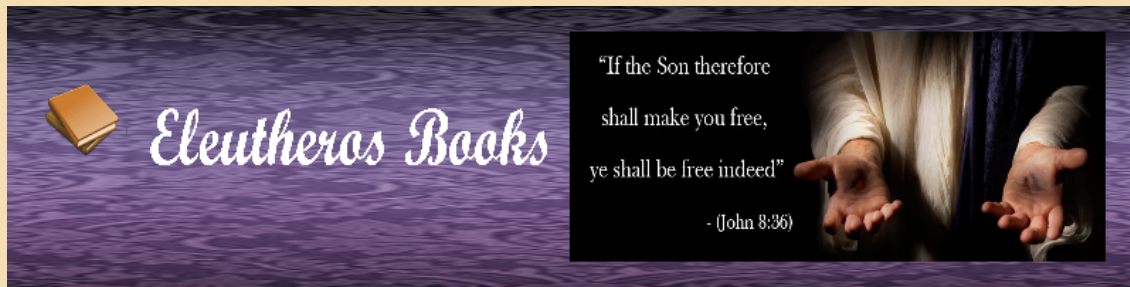


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The Doctrine of Sanctification

Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy Word is truth ([John 17:17](#)).

In the past few newsletters we have looked at some of the major doctrines of salvation. Here is a brief summary: 1. Regeneration is the miracle of the new birth. 2. Redemption is the miracle that buys the believer out of the slave market of sin and placed him into the possession of Christ.

Now we come to the subject of sanctification. This is a complex subject about which there are varying opinions, but the following points are undeniably Biblical:

1. There are several elements to the meaning of the word "sanctification." The Hebrew verb *qadash* carries with it the idea of "being separate from the world, consecrated to God, belonging to God." The following verses will illustrate:

Sanctify unto Me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and beast: it is Mine ([Exodus 13:2](#)). Life is from God, and He considers it sacred.

And thou shalt sanctify the beast of the wave offering, and the shoulder of the wave offering, which is waived ([Exodus 29:27a](#)).

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The New Testament verb *hagiazō* means “to hallow,” and is sometimes used in reference to the name of God: *Hallowed be Thy name* ([Luke 11:2](#)).

The same verb is also used to describe the place God is to have in the hearts of His own: *But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason for the hope that is in you with meekness and fear* ([1 Peter 3:15](#)).

Hagiazō also means “to purify, to make holy.” *That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word* ([Ephesians 5:26](#)).

In another passage Paul uses this verb to refer to a future sanctification of all believers: *And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly: and I pray God you whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ* ([1 Thessalonians 5:23](#)).

The word “saint” that occurs from time to time in the New Testament is related and literally means “holy ones.” Biblically speaking, a “saint” is not a person who has been deceased for hundreds of years, has performed demonstrated miracles, has been deemed worthy of a special standing, and has had an ecclesiastical body confer upon him a very special honor. A “saint,” according to the Word of God, is simply one who is saved by the grace of God.

2. Sanctification is closely connected to the will of God. *For this is the will of God, even your sanctification: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor* ([1 Thessalonians 4:3-4](#)). Much could be said about God’s will in the life of believers, but this and many other verses/passages make it obvious that God intends for saints to live holy lives and honor Him.

3. There is a sense in which believers are already sanctified. By this we mean that those who are saved are *made holy* because of the miracle of positional sanctification.

Probably the clearest verse on the important subject is found in 1 Corinthians 1: *Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours* ([1 Corinthians 1:1-2](#)).

These verses make three important points:

a. *To them that are sanctified* is a perfect tense in the Greek. This tense indicates action which is already accomplished but also indicates results that continue to abide. This universally completed action is something that

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happened the very moment the people in the church at Corinth were saved. The continuing *result* of being made holy is a perfect standing before our holy God!

b. Second, notice the phrase “called to be saints” here. Those who have been sanctified (which happened at the moment of salvation) are also called “saints” in this verse.

c. Third, this holy standing is accomplished “in Christ.” We cannot save ourselves, and we surely cannot make ourselves holy, but in salvation the holiness of Christ is imparted. When God the Father looks at a believer He does not now see his son but rather the sinless blood and sinless life of Christ applied!

4. There is a sense in which believers are being sanctified. The preceding discussion was about a past, completed action that gives the believer a holy *position* before God the Father.

This aspect of sanctification, however, is a *process* that continues throughout the earthly life of believers and is often called *progressive* sanctification. There are a number of verses which indicate the importance of progressive sanctification.

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (II Peter 3:18a). Obviously, growth is an ongoing process, and so is this aspect of sanctification.

This process is to involve an increase in our love for one another (I Thessalonians 3:12), a cleansing of self in the fear of God (II Corinthians 7:1), and a transformation into the image of Christ (II Corinthians 3:18; Ephesians 4:11-16).

A word must be said here about the idea of “sinless perfection.” While our position in Christ is holy, and we as believers are to grow spiritually, absolute perfection in our conduct during this life is unattainable: *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us (I John 1:8).*

The key to understanding this verse is the present tense in the verb “have.” This tense clearly indicates continued action. As believers in Christ we always have a holy standing before God, and we are growing in our spiritual lives, but this verse leaves no doubt that our sin *nature* cannot be eradicated in this life. If we try to convince ourselves or others that we are beyond the possibility of sinning in this life, “we deceive ourselves” according to this verse.

We will continue this discussion of sanctification in next month’s newsletter.

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