

# BIBLE TRAINING INSTITUTE

To proactively accelerate the spiritual growth of Grace Bible Church for the purpose of knowing God more intimately and becoming more effective servants of God in the world

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# Soteriology VIII

## Sanctification

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# Sanctification

**Definition**

“Sanctification is a progressive work of God and man that makes us more and more free from sin and like Christ in our actual lives”

Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 746

“In particular, sanctification is the Holy Spirit’s applying to the life of the believer the work done by Jesus Christ.”

Erickson, *Theology*, 980

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## Sanctification

### Definition

“The work of God by which He makes us holy we call sanctification”  
Anthony A. Hoekema, *Five Views on Sanctification*, 61

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## Sanctification

### Relationship to Justification

Justification	Sanctification
Declared Righteous	Made Righteous
Removes guilt of sin	Removes pollution of sin
Work of Christ for us	Work of Christ in us
Liberates from the penalty of sin	Liberates from the power of sin

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## Sanctification

### Language of Sanctification

- ✓ Latin = sanctus (holy) and facere (to make)
- ✓ OT—
  - *Qadash*—verb = “be consecrated” or “be holy”
  - *Qodesh*—noun = “apartness” or “holiness”
  - *Qadosh*—adjective = “holy” or “pure”
  - Root = *qad* = “to cut” or “to separate”
  - SUMMARY: God’s people are set apart for God’s service and should avoid whatever displeases Him.

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## Sanctification

### Language of Sanctification

- ✓ NT—
  - *Hagiasmos*—noun = “consecration” or “holiness”
  - *Hagios*—adjective = “saint”, “sanctified”, “holy”, “sanctified one”
  - Separation from sin and consecration to service
  - Complete dedication

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## Sanctification

### Categories of Sanctification

- ✓ Positional Sanctification
  - ❖ The Christian is set aside for God’s possession and is declared holy by faith in Christ (1 Cor 6:11; Acts 26:18; Heb 10:10–12, 14; 13:12–13)

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## Sanctification

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- ✓ Progressive Sanctification
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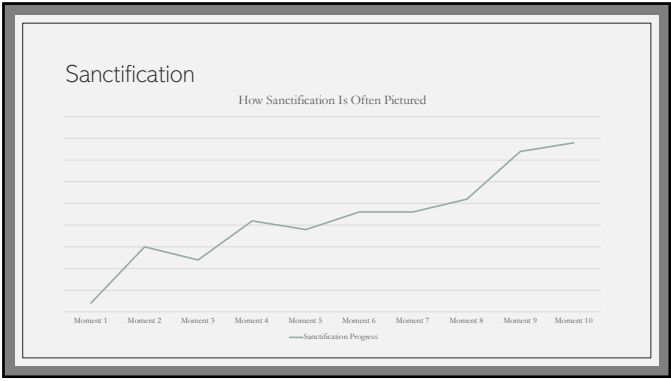
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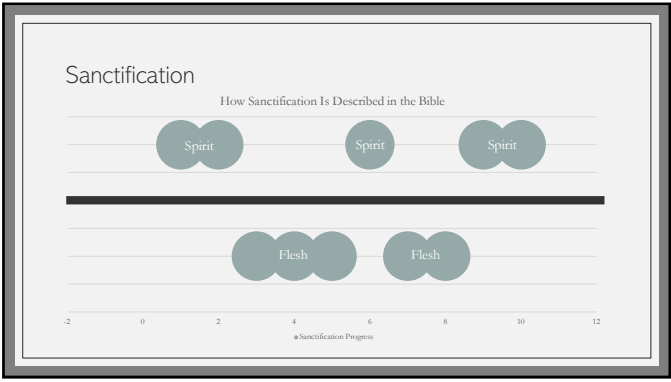
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  - ❖ Growing in knowledge (2 Pet 3:18)
  - ❖ Putting off and putting on (Eph 4:22-24)
  - ❖ Contrast between flesh and fruit (Gal 5:16)
  - ❖ By means of the Word of God (John 17:17)

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## Sanctification

### Categories of Sanctification

- ✓ Perfected (Ultimate) Sanctification
  - ❖ Completed at death for our souls and when the Lord returns for our bodies (Heb 12:23; Phil 3:21)
  - ❖ Perfect Christlikeness occurs only at the coming of Christ and our resurrection (1 John 3:2; 1 Thess 3:12–13)

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## Sanctification

### What about “entire sanctification” or “second work of grace?” (John Wesley)

- ✓ Wesley: Entire sanctification not absolute perfection but relative perfection involving freedom from willful sin.
- ✓ Based on mischaracterization of passages such as Matt 5:48
- ✓ Wesley believed he never personally experienced this
- ✓ Rebuttal: Matt 6:12; John 13:10; Phil 3:12; James 3:2; 1 John 1:8

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