

DO I REALLY WANT SANCTIFICATION?

1 Thessalonians 4:1 - 7

What does “sanctified” mean?

Process by which we become holy, purified of our sins and acceptable to God.

There are two parts to sanctification.

a.) Sanctification is a work of God that takes place instantaneously.

“And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through His own blood.”

Hebrews 13:12

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin...”

Psalms 51:1, 2

b.) Sanctification also happens progressively with our mutual effort—God and us together.

“Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.”

2 Corinthians 7:1

“But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: ‘Be holy, because I am holy.’” 1 Peter 1:15, 16

1. The main detractor from sanctification is sin.

“Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.” James 4:7

2. All sin takes away from our sanctification.

“But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.” 1 John 1:7

“Come near to God and He will come near to you...”

James 4:8