

IX. SANCTIFICATION IS A PROCESS

Sanctification is an act of _____ ourselves from evil and aligning with things that are good, upright, and morally pure. It is a _____ that takes place as Christians devote themselves to God.

Present yourself as a sacrifice. Do not conform to the world. (all that the world accepts but the Word doesn't). Renewing your mind, through the Word, this is the will of God. Romans 12:1-2

As we surrender to the Lord, to His Lordship, His will, and His Word, He sanctifies us wholly. He sanctifies us, _____, _____, and _____, in that order. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

Scripture teaches that we are to be _____ because God is holy. 1 Peter 1:13-19

Holiness is not to be presumed, but to be pursued. Holiness is to be intentional and planned. Holiness is not perfection, it is an ongoing pursuit, of separating yourself for the Lord. For "Without holiness no one will see the Lord." Hebrews 12:14

Living in holiness is _____ by the power of the Holy Spirit. John 16:13 "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth..."

A Christian is sanctified by identifying with Christ, and accepting in faith His sacrificial death and victorious resurrection. Sanctification is a _____ acknowledgment of our union with God through His Son Jesus. As this identification occurs, it is only natural for the Christian to offer every portion of one's life to the control of the Holy Spirit. Romans 6:1-11

What does sanctification look like? Our transformation is not only subjective but also objective, so what does it look like? What does Ephesians 4: 25-32 say Christians should stop doing?

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS DOCTRINE
Salvation is not the end of a Christian's spiritual growth. Although we are declared holy or sanctified at salvation, there is still much spiritual growth to be experienced. As the believer submits to the work of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, they are progressively transformed toward a divine nature, like that of Christ. This doctrine is important because too many Christians stop growing spiritually after salvation, or even after entry into a Spirit-filled life at Baptism. But God's design for each believer is that the fruit of the Spirit **Galatians 5:22-23**

ANSWER KEY: separating, process, spirit, soul, body, holy, possible, daily. (Please look up/read all scriptural references)

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X. GOD DESIGNED THE CHURCH FOR A PURPOSE AND MISSION

The church as described in the Bible consists of all people who have received forgiveness through Jesus Christ and placed their faith in Him as the only sacrifice for their sins. The church is the body of Christ and it includes all Christians, with no boundaries as to age, race, gender, or denomination. Every believer collectively makes up the church and is the dwelling place of God through the Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 6:9

Christ is the _____ of the church. He has made every provision for the church's _____ Matthew 28:19. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"

Our church is designed to be an agency of God for _____ the world (See Acts 1:8), because God's purpose is to seek and save people who are lost in sin (see Luke 19:10). He desires to be worshipped by all. John 4:23-24

Our church serves as a cooperate body in which people may _____ God. 1 Corinthians 12:13

Our church operates as a channel of God's purpose to _____ and _____ people who are continually growing in the Lord and being perfected in His image to enlarge, advance, and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ that none shall perish. He longs for believers to demonstrate His love and compassion to all the world. Galatians 6:10

Our church is committed to _____ people and bringing _____ to those in need. James 1: 27, Ephesians 4:28

In fulfilling this fourfold mission of the church. Our members are encouraged to seek and receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit which is the promise of the Father. Through this experience believers will:

1. Evangelize with the power of the Holy Spirit accompanied with supernatural signs.
2. Worship God in an added dimension, in a deeper way.
3. Respond to the full working of the Holy Spirit in expressing the fruit, gifts, and ministries in order to build up the church.
4. Love the poor and the hurting in tangible ways, as Jesus would.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS DOCTRINE

The important role of the church in God's dealing with humankind is accepted by all born again believers. But the local church is too often less appreciated and understood. Some professing Christians, not finding a local congregation to their liking, choose to practice an isolated independent Christianity. Unfortunately, they disobey the specific command of God to assemble together with other believers **Hebrews 10:25** not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as **is** the manner of some, but exhorting **one another**, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. Watching a church service on TV or social media will not suffice. God's design for his people is worship, edification, encouragement, and service to others in the company of fellow believers. This balance and mission are vital to a well-rounded Christian life.

ANSWER KEY: head, Great Commission, evangelizing, worship, equip, build, loving, help. (Please look up/read all scriptural references)