

The Purpose of Sanctification

Hebrews 10:1-18

I. The meaning of sanctification.

- A. The _____ meaning is “to set apart,” or “to separate.”
- B. The _____ meaning is “to set apart for any special purpose.”
- C. The _____ meaning is “to set apart for God and His use.”
- D. The _____ meaning is “to set apart from sin.”

II. The manner in which God is involved in our sanctification.

- A. The _____ is involved in sanctification (John 17:17-19).
- B. The _____ is involved in sanctification (Eph. 5:25-26)
- C. The _____ is involved in sanctification (1 Peter 1:2)

III. The method by which we are sanctified.

- A. By the _____ of Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 6:9-11; Heb. 10:10-12, 14; 13:12-13)
- B. By the _____ of God (John 17:17; Eph. 5:26)
- C. By the _____ of Jesus Christ (1 Thess. 5:23)

Review

1. What is the general meaning of “sanctification” as applied to anything?
2. What does the word mean as applied to spiritual things (see Gen. 2:3; Exod 19:14)?
3. Who is involved in sanctification, according to:
 - John 17:17-19
 - Ephesians 5:25-26; Hebrews 13:12
 - 1 Peter 1:2
4. By what are we sanctified, in light of the following passages:
 - John 17:17
 - 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
 - Ephesians 5:26
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:23
 - Hebrews 10:10-12; 13:12-13
5. Explain in your own words sanctification as it relates to salvation?

Further Consideration

1. Can you relate Romans 6:6-14 to the idea of sanctification? How does this compare to your own Christian experience?
2. How should your actions, words, priorities, and goals be affected in light of the fact that you have been set apart for God and His use?
3. Why did Christ die, according to Ephesians 5:26? How does this relate to your life directly?
4. What is the relationship between your sanctification and Christ’s return (1 Thess. 5:23)?

Going Further

Take time to search your life and ask yourself if there are any habits, thoughts, practices, or conditions that are inconsistent with what God has done for you through sanctification. Is there any reason why those cannot be done away with? Remember, it is on the basis of Christ’s blood and His victory over sin and death that we can be free from sin in our own lives.