Sanctification Part III

Preface

1. Earlier I taught a review of Sanctification Part I and Part II. Now we are ready to see what we can learn for Sanctification Part III. This morning I want to review some of that learned and then pick-up with new material at point thirteen on page five but first we need to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.

2. As we saw last week there are three types of sanctifications occurring in the life of a believer: Phase I, II and III.

New Testament Etymology

1. In the New Testament the verb translated sanctify is **Hagiazo**. The Greek verb has four cognates: **Hagios**, **Hagiasmos**, **Hagiotes** and **Hagion**.

Sanctification and the Believer

1. Sanctification is a technical term describing the plan of God in the life of the believer. Phase I (positional), Phase II (time), and Phase III (eternity).

2. Sanctification means to be set apart as sacred.

3. Sanctification is a priestly term, reserved for only the Royal Family.

4. Jesus' battle field victory when he was proclaimed the victor in the angelic conflict demanded the interruption of the Jewish Age, and the intercalation of the Church Age.



5. Having no Royal Family demanded the Church Age, so as to call out, and acquire a Royal Family.

6. For this purpose we have been sanctified in Phase I.

Concept

1. Jesus in the KJV is called the set-apart one of God.

Joh 6:69 And we, ourselves, have believed in the past, with the result we now believe, and we have known in the past, with the result we now know, that you are, and keep on being, **the set-apart one (Hagios) of God**.



2. Jesus in the NIV is called the Holy One of God.

3. We of the Church Age are **Hagioi**, i.e., set-apart in union with Christ, as believers.

1Co 1:2 To the church of God in Corinth, to those **sanctified** in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ -- their Lord and ours:

4. The adjective **Hagiotetos** describes the state of the set-apartness.

Heb 12:10 Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may be partakers in his **holiness (Hagiotetos).**

5. The noun **Hagiosune** refers to the process of being set-apart as Holy, or sacred. The **Sune** suffix refers to a process of growing toward temporal sanctification. Notice the special use: it is hoped we will be moving toward maturity when the Lord returns in the heavens to get His family.

1Th 3:13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in **holiness (Hagiosune)** before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

6. The noun **Hagiasmos** is used for the forever set-apartness in eternity future, as royal aristocracy.

1Pe 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through **sanctification** of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

7. The verb form of these nouns is **Hagiazo** meaning to set-apart as sacred or holy.

Targets and Agents of Sanctification

1. The targets for sanctification are the souls of the believers. As we have already noted there are three types of sanctifications: positional, temporal and ultimate.

2. The method of sanctification, as far as Phase I and Phase III are concerned, is faith in Christ.

Heb 10:10 By the which will we **are sanctified** through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

3. The Phase I and Phase III sanctification is a forever condition.



Heb 10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that **are sanctified**.

4. The primary agent for sanctification is the Holy Spirit of God. Rom 15:16

5. The foreknowledge of God is related to the sanctification work of the Holy Spirit. 2Th 2:13

6. Sanctification in Phase II is performed by Bible doctrine, taught by God the Holy Spirit. Joh 17:17; Eph 5:26

7. The agent for Phase III sanctification is the Trinity. Isa 48:16-17

Mechanics of Sanctification

1. At salvation eternal life is imputed to a regenerated human spirit.

2. The result is what we call positional sanctification.

2.1 Keep in mind sin is not an issue here because all sin was imputed to and judged on Christ; this includes the sins of both the believer and the unbeliever. 1Jo 2:2

3. Salvation doctrine is clearly communicated to the believer, by the Holy Spirit, and the believer becomes a possessor of +R, God's perfect righteousness, including all of God's essences: Sovereignty, Righteousness, Justice, Love, Eternal Life, Omnipotence, Omniscience, Omnipresence, Immutability and Veracity.

4. This is a forever condition guaranteeing we will not see the Lake of Fire.

5. This is also where the baptism of the Holy Spirit occurs, and from this point on our life has meaning and purpose.

6. By identification with our Lord's spiritual death, we are free from the indictment of spiritual death, imputed to our Old Sin Natures at birth.

7. Personal sin is not an issue recall. 1Jo 2:2

8. Positional sanctification is all grace, and we do nothing for it. Even the most carnal Christians receive positional sanctification. 1Co 1:2; 1:30; 6:11

9. Phase II sanctification is called experiential or temporal sanctification, or the new life. Joh 7:17; Rom 6:4

10. Experiential sanctification is potential and comes from the consistent use of the two power options. Rom 12:1-2

11. Production in time is a result of Phase II sanctification, but does not produce sanctification. Eph 2:10; Jam 1:21

12. The purpose of Phase II sanctification is to maximize the flow of blessings from God's justice to the believer, because this glorifies God.

13. Phase II also sets up another afortiori, because if God can provide blessings in time, right smack in the middle of the devil's world, He can with ease provide ultimate Phase III blessings in eternity.

14. Phase II sanctification is also called godliness.

1Ti 4:7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thy-self rather unto godliness.

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

2Pe 3:11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness.

15. Phase III sanctification

16. This is called ultimate sanctification, since it's the eternal status of all believers.

17. A believer can never lose his or her Phase III sanctification.

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

1Co 1:8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

18. The term ultimate sanctification is often used to describe Phase III sanctification which occurs at death or the Rapture whichever comes first.

1Co 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

1Co 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1Co 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

1Co 15:54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

1Co 15:55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 1Co 15:56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 1Co 15:57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

19. The sanctification process for the Church Age believer is completed at death or the Rapture.

1Th 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

1Th 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

1Th 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

1Th 4:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

1Th 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

20. Phase III will be minus all human good. Human good will be burned at the Bema, an event that occurs just after the Rapture.

1Co 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1Co 3:12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay stubble;

1Co 3:13 every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

1Co 3:14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

1Co 3:15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

21. In Phase III, the believer will be perfect in every respect, because we will be transformed from our body of humiliation.

Phi 3:21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

1Th 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1Jo 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it know him not.

1Jo 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

22. Sanctification and the Angelic Conflict.

22.1 The Angelic Conflict is related to all of the three phases of sanctification.

22.2 The first three chapters of the book of Hebrews set the stage for an explanation of the Angelic Conflict and how it relates to the believer's sanctification.

22.3 In Phase I we, as creatures made lower than angels, are placed in union with Christ, thus "positionally" superior to angels.

22.4 In Phase II we contribute to the victory of the Angelic Conflict by winning tactical victories.

22.5 At the end of history, Satan is totally defeated and we are part of this victory celebration.

Col 2:15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

23. The word **Sanctification** <u>does not</u> appear in the Old Testament.

24. The word **Sanctifieth** <u>does not</u> appear in the KJV of the Old Testament.

25. The word **Sanctify** <u>does</u> appear in the Old Testament. For example:

Exo 19:10 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and **sanctify** them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes, Exo 19:11 And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.

26. **Sanctified** <u>does</u> appear in the Old Testament. Let's look at an example from the Chronicles where we find a description of David and his men rescuing the Ark from the Philistines. His lack of discretion however, gets him into trouble at home.

1Ch 15:14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel ...

1Ch 16:1 So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings before God.

God the Father Sovereignty Righteousness COINFINITE COEQUAL Justice Love Eternal life Omnipotence Omniscience Omnipresence Immutability Veracity God the God the COETERNAL Holy Son Spirit

Doctrine of the Essence of God

1. God is One in Essence, i.e. the divine essences are resident in each Member of the Godhead.

2. There are three Personalities but One in Essence, such Essences are shared equally.

Rom 1:20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

Col 2:9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,

Isa 48:16 "Come near me and listen to this: "From the first announcement I have not spoken in secret; at the time it happens, I am there." And now the Sovereign LORD has sent me, with his Spirit.

Mat 3:16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him.

Mat 3:17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.

2.1 The One Godhead as can be seen from the above cited Scriptures is made up of three personalities or manifestations: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

2.1.1 The personalities of the Trinity are closely related, just as there is one egg, there is also the yoke, the white and the shell. Yet it is one egg.

Joh 10:30 I and the Father are one."

Joh 10:38 But if I do it, even though you do not believe me, believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father. "

Joh 17:11 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name--the name you gave me--so that they may be one as we are one.

Joh 7:37 On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Joh 7:38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."

Joh 7:39 By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

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