

# SANCTIFICATION

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## WHAT IS GOD'S WILL FOR HIS PEOPLE?

For this is the will of God, even *your sanctification*, that ye should abstain from fornication: *1 Thessalonians 4:3*

## BY WHAT ARE WE SANCTIFIED?

To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are *sanctified by faith* that is in me. *Acts 26:18*

## HOW IMPORTANT IS SANCTIFICATION TO SALVATION?

But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to *salvation through sanctification* of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. *2 Thessalonians 2:13, 14*

## WHAT IS NECESSARY FOR ONE TO LIVE A SANCTIFIED LIFE?

*I am crucified with Christ*: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but *Christ liveth in me*: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the *faith* of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. *Galatians 2:20*

## WHAT IS THE RESULT OF BEING CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST?

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, *that the body of sin might be destroyed*, that henceforth *we should not serve sin*. For he that is dead is freed from sin.

Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: *Romans 6:6-8*

## CAN ONE WHO IS DEAD TO SIN CONTINUE TO LIVE IN SIN?

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

*God forbid*. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? *Romans 6:1, 2*

## WHAT ARE WE CALLED UPON TO DO?

Likewise *reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin*, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body*, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. *Romans 6:11, 12*

## WHERE SHOULD OUR THOUGHTS AND AFFECTIONS BE?

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek *those things which are above*, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

*Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth*.

For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. *Colossians 3:1-3*

### **WHOSE IMAGE WILL WE BEGIN TO REFLECT?**

Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;  
And have put on *the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him. Colossians 3:9, 10*

### **WHAT MUST BE RENEWED FOR THIS TO HAPPEN?**

That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;  
And be renewed in the spirit of *your mind*;  
And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. *Ephesians 4:22-24*

### **WHY IS THIS RENEWING OF THE MIND NECESSARY?**

For *to be carnally minded is death*; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.  
*Because the carnal mind is enmity against God*: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. *Romans 8:6, 7*

### **WITHOUT THIS NEW MIND WHAT WILL WE REMAIN?**

And you, that were sometime *alienated and enemies* in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled  
In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight: *Colossians 1:21, 22*

### **WHAT DOES PAUL CALL UPON US TO DO?**

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.  
And *be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind*, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. *Romans 12:1, 2*

### **WHOSE MIND ARE WE TO RECEIVE?**

Let this mind be in you, which was also in *Christ Jesus. Philipians 2:5*

### **WHAT ARE WE TO ARM OURSELVES WITH AND WHY?**

Forasmuch then as *Christ* hath suffered for us in the flesh, *arm yourselves likewise with the same mind*: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath *ceased from sin*;  
That he no longer should *live* the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but *to the will of God. 1 Peter 4:1, 2*

### **HOW ALL ENCOMPASSING IS OUR SANCTIFICATION TO BE?**

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.  
Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. *1 Thessalonians 5:23, 24*