

God Sanctifies

Foundations: Building A Faith That Lasts

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Main idea: Sanctification is a progressive work of God and man making us more free from sin and like Christ in our actual lives. (Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*). In other words, we can change!

Introduction

This “power to change” is God’s sanctifying work in the believer’s life. It means to be set apart, consecrated, and made holy.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 - Living To Please God

³*It is God’s will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality;...⁹ Now about your love for one another...you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other....¹¹ and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands...*

See also :

1 Thess. 5:23 - May God himself sanctify you

Galatians 5:13-26 - Walk by The Spirit

3 Truths About God’s Sanctifying Work In Us

1. Believe you can change to be more like Christ.

And we all...are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. 2 Cor. 3:18

2. Know that you and God cooperate in this transformation.

Your role: Learn, yield, obey

God’s role: Teach, empower, change you

3. Celebrate the joy of living more like Christ.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,²³ gentleness and self-control. Gal. 5:22-23