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STRENGTHEN
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FAITH

What is Sanctification?

By Michael Grigsby

The covenant of sanctification is put simply as this: actively chasing after one's faith. God calls His people to walk in His will, which is lived out through an active faith. There are words frequently used in the Christian church that are familiar to believers, such as baptism and salvation. An often overlooked yet essential aspect of living out Christianity is sanctification, a word that is misunderstood. The word is typically used to refer to how to live as a believer, and it is often brushed over. What is sanctification? How do we live it out in our lives to glorify God?

Defining Sanctification

When a pastor mentions sanctification, they are referring to a New Testament covenant that is the process that takes place when a person becomes a believer. Sanctify comes from the Latin root sanctificare, meaning "make holy", going hand in hand with the definition of sanctification being the "state of being made holy". Sanctification is something that happens after you're born again into Christ.

Types of Sanctification

People have different understandings of what this looks like, but the widely accepted view is that sanctification is the process by which an individual pursues holiness. It is the response to being saved, seen in our actions and thoughts. Think of it as the hunger to learn more about God and the constant desire to live out His will. There are three main types of sanctification: positional, progressive, and perfect. Let's dive deeper into these to better our understanding.

Positional Sanctification

Look at this type as your position in the world. Are you a Christian? Saved? Believe in God? If you are saved, you are set apart from the rest of the world and, therefore, positionally sanctified. You believe in God, so you have a higher calling and a different outlook on the world.

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Prayer is the Way

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Note: To call out a prayer need during the week, contact Laberta at 580-886-5225.

CWF Project

We would like to share with you the new project we have decided to undertake. CWF is taking on the Samaritans Purse Shoebox Project. For those that are unaware of this project, Samaritans Purse sends shoeboxes around the world to underprivileged / underdeveloped areas for children at Christmas. Please go to samaritanspurse.org for more information about the boxes.

We are going to fill the shoeboxes a little bit every month. Since we are starting late this year, and the boxes are due in November, we may double up on a few items. Next year we will be just doing an item a month to fill the boxes.

Just an example of some items that we will put into the box:

▶ **"WOW" Item** - doll or hobby kit, stuffed animal

▶ **Hygiene Item** - Washcloth or flash-

light, water bottle

▶ **School Supplies** - Calculator or pencil container, notebooks

▶ **Clothing** - Shoes or undergarments, wristwatch, hat

▶ **Games** - puzzles, instruments, or binoculars and compass

▶ **Toys** - Lego sets, magnets, interactive toys

The list is vast and there are items that we cannot send but as you see we will have to remember it has to fit in a shoebox.




There are thirteen members in CWF so we are interested in partnering with either the Longdale Baptist Church or the Canton Baptist Church to help offset the cost of shipping.

Please remember us in your prayers as we move forward.

Submitted by Paula Haigler

Praise the Lord!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>Garrett & Chelsey Lance</i>	2 Arvin P. Bates Harper Jones	3 <i>James & Sarah Jones</i>	4 Amanda Cavett	5 Billy Doak	6
7 Sherry King	8 Jason Murray Kayla Owens Sutton Lizzie Rose Edwards Stephanie Stephens <i>Eddie & Eileen Jenkins</i>	9 Randal Haigler Kyla Littleton <i>Larry & Johnnie Jones</i> <i>Chris & Wilda Woods</i>	10 Emily Murray	11	12	13 Megan Marks Mike Murray
14 	15 Deanna Barker Donnita Murray	16	17 Dian Janzen Kendal McVey	18	19	20 <i>Joe & Amber Allison</i>
21 Aaliyah Hough 	22 Colleen Follis	23	24 J.J. Gonzalez Dasahawana Gonzalez	25 Hestin Farris	26 James Blood Brittany Crase Kristin Tidball Virgil Murray Brittany McGinn	27 Twila Alexander Josie Taylor <i>Maynard & Betty Rooker</i> <i>Kristie & Justin Taylor</i>
28 Abby Kendrick Levi Ranson	29 Annikah Hankins	30				
			<i>Deanna Barker - June</i> <i>Brenda Palacios - July</i> <i>Becky Garriott - August</i> 			NOTE: Please notify us if a name needs to be removed or added. Contact Toni Goforth at: tonigo4th@hotmail.com or you may text or call 580-822-5109.

My children, listen to your father's teaching; pay attention so you will understand.
[Proverbs 4:1]

A Father's Lesson

A father passes on many lessons to his children. One of my most important came near the end of my father's life. He had just retired. He and Mom had saved their money and made their plans. They wanted to visit every national park in their travel trailer. Then came the diagnosis: amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease), a cruel degenerative disease of the muscles.

At the time, my wife, Denalyn, and I were preparing to do mission work in Brazil. When we got the news, I offered to change my plans. After all, how could I leave the country while he was dying? Dad's written reply was immediate. "In regards to my disease and your going to Rio. That is really an easy answer for me and that is 'GO' . . . I have no fear of death or eternity . . . so don't be concerned about me. Just 'GO.' Please him."

Dad reminded me that when facing trouble or even death, there is still just one answer. Be brave. Please God. My father's lesson was that doing the will of the Father always matters most.

ONE MORE THOUGHT

What are the lessons your parents have passed on to you? If you're able, why don't you thank them today for their guidance? While you're at it, thank your heavenly Father for his guidance too—and remember to keep please him.

— Max Lucado

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What is Sanctification?

1 Corinthians 6:11, "And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God." NIV.

Progressive Sanctification

When you have the desire to deepen your relationship with God, you are pursuing progressive sanctification. You are progressively growing closer to God and coming closer to holiness. Imagine it is a day-by-day kind of sanctification.

Perfect Sanctification

This sanctification will only be achieved in heaven. We are humans and are incapable of achieving perfect holiness. Sin will remain until Christ comes again. *1 John 3:2-3, "Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been*

made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as he is. All who have this hope in Him purify themselves, just as He is pure." NIV.

Our Calling To Be Sanctified

Positional sanctification is part of the calling of a Christian; it is God's will for His people. We are supposed to feel conviction and act on it by asking for forgiveness. An individual who is pursuing sanctification seeks truth and is active in their faith. We choose to be sanctified daily by following the path God provided for His followers. Lukewarm faith is dangerous; God wants His people to follow Him every day. Pursuing a relationship with God means pursuing Him each and every day through prayer, studying scripture, and sharing the Gospel.



CHURCH WIDE Garage Sale COMING UP!
Saturday, June 6th 8 am - 2 pm

If anyone has items to donate for the church wide garage sale, the items can be brought to the church. All funds raised will be used to help send kids to summer camp. See Jaime or Michael for more information or to drop off items.

God loves your family resemblance

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

—2 Corinthians 3:18

Do you giggle like your mom? Or chuckle and chortle like your dad? Do you remind everyone of your Great-Aunt Ruth? We tend to look and act like the people we're related to—those whom we love.

So . . . are you as kind as the King? Do you love like your Lord? Do you give like Jesus? Having your mom's eyes or your dad's smile is great, but when it comes to your heart, God is hoping it looks a lot like His. Because He just loves to see your family resemblance.

