Sanctification

DEFINITION: To sanctify is “to set apart, “to separate.” To be set apart to God is sanctification.

EXAMPLES: DAYS, Genesis 2:3; Joel 2:15. PERSONS, Exodus 19:10, 22. PLACES, Leviticus 27:14; Exodus 19:23. CHRIST, John 17:19, and 10:36. UTENSILS, Exodus 40:10, 11; Exodus 30:26-29. CHILDREN, Job 1:5.

THE SANCTIFICATION OF THE BELIEVER IS THREEFOLD:

1. POSITIONAL SANCTIFICATION

DEFINITION: By “positional sanctification” we refer to our standing before God, not our character. God has separated us to Himself; we stand before Him as perfect AS CHRIST, who is HIMSELF our Sanctification. I Corinthians 1:2, 30.

THE TIME: AT CONVERSION.

Acts 26:18. It is received when we believe.

I Corinthians 6:11. It is between ‘washing’ and ‘justification’.

THE MEANS: THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST.

Hebrews 10:10 “sanctified through the offering of…Christ.”

Hebrews 13:12 “sanctify the people with His own blood.”

1. PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION

DEFINITION: By “progressive sanctification” we refer to the actual daily experience of separation from sin to God.

THE TIME: THROUGHOUT OUR LIVES; NOW.

I Thessalonians 4:3-7 “called us unto holiness (sanctification)”

II Timothy 2:21 “purge himself…sanctified for His use”

II Corinthians 6:17- 7:1 “having these promises…let us cleanse ourselves…perfecting holiness (sanctification)”

Romans 6:19-22 “servants to God…fruit unto holiness”

THE MEANS: THE WORD OF GOD.

John 17:17 ‘sanctify them Thy truth; Thy Word”

Ephesians 5:26 “sanctify and cleanse it…by the Word”

1. PERFECT SANCTIFICATION

DEFINITION: By “perfect sanctification” we refer to the final and complete work of Christ at His coming when He will remove us from all contact with sin so that our EXPERIENCE will correspond with our POSITION.

THE TIME: AT THE COMING OF CHRIST.

Philippians 3:12 “not as though I …were already perfect”

I John 3:1, 2 “when He shall appear we shall be like Him”

I Thessalonians 3:13 “in holiness (sanctification) at His coming”

I Thessalonians 5:23 “sanctify wholly…unto the coming” vs. 24.

THE MEANS: THE POWER OF GOD.

Jude 24 He “is ABLE…to present you faultless”

I Thessalonians 5:23 “whole spirit, soul and body…blameless”

Philippians 3:20, 21 “according to the working whereby HE IS ABLE”

NOTE: Sanctification is a DIVINE work. FATHER, John 17:17. SON, Ephesians 5:25, 26. HOLY SPIRIT, I Corinthians 6:11.