

# SACRED TRUTHS

## Sanctification

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Sanctification is the state of growing more Christ-like, which happens in a believer's life after becoming a Christian.

The 3 parts to Sanctification

### 1. The moral change at the moment of salvation

- A part of the process of regeneration or new life is God makes us alive spiritually. Ephesians 2:1-10
- This new life breaks the ruling power of sin over my life, so that I am no longer a slave to sin. Romans 6:11, 14, 18

See: Hebrews 10:14  
Titus 3:5  
1 Corinthians 6:11

### 2. Me cooperating with the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit

- Now I have been made free to pursue God
- I now have the ability to choose to do what is good, a pleasant and pleasing to the Lord, because I am empowered by the Holy Spirit to do so.
- I am expected to grow - See 1 Peter 2:21

See:

1 John 2:6

2 Corinthians 7:1

Phil. 2:12, 13

1 Thess. 4:3-4, 7

1 John 3:3

Hebrews 13:20-21

James 1:22

1 Peter 1:15

Hebrews 12:1, 14

### **3. God completing my sanctification as I enter Heaven**

See: Hebrews 12:3  
1 Thess. 5:13

#### **SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:**

- What does sanctification mean in your mind?
- Can you explain the three parts of sanctification?
- What does it mean that I wasn't free but now am free in Christ?
- How do you think we fail in cooperating with the Holy Spirit?
- What does it take for us to succeed in cooperating with the Holy Spirit?
- When is cooperating with the HS the easiest? Most difficult for you?