

SANCTIFICATION

But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life.

(Romans 6:22)

Beloved, we believe in Jesus and in His accomplished work on the cross and His resurrection, and that is what sets us apart from the world.

According to *Webster's Dictionary*, the word "sanctify" means "set apart as holy," "free from sin." Because of who we are in Christ, we are set apart as holy, sanctified for a special purpose.

We are sanctified by faith in Jesus (Acts 26:18).

We are holy, because the Holy One lives in us. "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27). We are free from sin, because God dealt with the whole issue of sin—our transgressions, when He nailed them to the cross, thus taking them out of the way. Nothing stands between God and people, nothing—but unbelief in Jesus.

And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

(Colossians 2:13, 14)

Through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ, the sins of the entire world were forgiven. **BUT—the forgiveness is in Christ Jesus.** If you have Jesus—you are forgiven. God's children don't get forgiven; they *are* forgiven. (Read "Forgiveness.") If you don't have Jesus—you will die in your sins (John 8:24).

Jesus told His disciples that when He goes away He would send a Helper—The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth.

And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin . . . concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me.

(John 16:8, 9)

Unbelief in Jesus is the sin which we all need to repent of, unless, of course, one is a believer and, as such, he or she has done it already.

But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption.

(1 Corinthians 1:30)

As we see clearly in the Scriptures, it is all Jesus! He is the One who accomplished everything. Jesus Christ redeemed us, He reconciled us to God, He was raised from death and He offers, to those who will believe in Him, His resurrected life. Our part is to receive the life of Jesus Christ by faith, for it is His life by which we are saved.

For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, *we shall be saved by His life.*

(Romans 5:10)

But know that the Lord has set apart the godly man for Himself;
The Lord hears when I call to Him.

(Psalms 4:3)

Jesus said,

“Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth.”

(John 17:17)

To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

(1 Corinthians 1:2, 3)

And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.

(1 Corinthians 6:11)

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her;

that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless.

(Ephesians 5:25–27)

For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one Father; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren.

(Hebrews 2:11)

By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

(Hebrews 10:10)

For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

(Hebrews 10:14)