

Building the *CORE* Series
Sanctification: A Core Journey to Christlikeness
Romans 8:12-17
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As we continue in the Building the Core series, we trust God will use the truths we are learning to help us build a stronger relationship with Jesus Christ, a greater expression of His love for people and a heart that is ready to serve those in need. Today, we will be looking at how God's plan is to make us more like His Son, Jesus Christ.

The doctrine of sanctification sets the foundation for our growth as Christians. Without an understanding of the doctrine of sanctification, we can possibly find ourselves easily falling into either of the following traps:

- 1.) *Trying to grow in Christ based on our own effort. (Legalism)*
- 2.) *Presuming upon God's grace to grow us no matter how we live. (License)*

"Sanctification is a progressive work of God and man that makes us more and more free from sin and like Christ in our actual lives."

Wayne Grudem

Three parts of our sanctification:

We have been sanctified.

We are being sanctified.

We will be sanctified.

I. We _____ sanctified because of our faith in Jesus.

1 Corinthians 1:30 It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God-- that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

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.

Hebrews 10:10 And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Acts 20:32 "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified."

Our Response: Recognize and accept that we are righteous, holy and set apart for God because of our faith in Jesus Christ.

II. We _____ sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

2 Thessalonians 2:13 But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

Hebrews 10:14 because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

A. God's plan is to _____ us to be more like Christ.

Romans 8:29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers

Galatians 4:19 My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you,

1 Thessalonians 4:1 Finally, brothers, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more.

B. _____ from anything that hinders spiritual growth.

1 Thessalonians 4:3 It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable

Romans 6:11 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. 13 Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. 14 For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

2 Timothy 2:19 Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness."

C. God desires for us to _____ His glory more each day.

Hebrews 13:20 May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, 21 equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Philippians 2:15 so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe.

Our Response: Lord, make me like you. Show me if there is anything in my life that is keeping me from growing more like you. Use me to reflect your glory and grace to those around me. (Psalm 139:23-24). Use my life for others to see Christ in me.

III. God _____ sanctifying us in heaven.

Philippians 3:21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. (See I John 3:2)

1 Corinthians 15:49 And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.

Philippians 3:14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Timothy 1:18 Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, 19 holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith.

Our Response: Lord... I am grateful for your work in my life. I am overwhelmed by being set apart and made holy because of Jesus. I desire to cooperate with the Holy Spirit to become more like you every day and represent you to this world.