

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE SANCTIFIED?** Sanctification has a primary and a secondary meaning.

1. The primary meaning – a dedication, consecration, or setting apart for some specific and holy use.
  - a. A house: “And when a man shall sanctify his house to be holy unto the Lord, then the priest shall estimate it, whether it is good or bad: as the priest shall estimate it, so shall it stand.” Leviticus 27:14.
  - b. A field: “And if a man shall sanctify unto the Lord some part of a field of his possession, then thy estimation shall be according to the seed thereof: an homer of barley seed shall be valued at fifty shekels of silver.” Leviticus 27:16
  - c. Vessels of the temple; “Moreover all the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign did cast away in his transgression, have we prepared and sanctified.” 2 Chronicles 29:19 Also the sin of Belshazzar in Daniel 5:3-5
  - d. The first born of Israel See Exodus 13:2
2. None of these things were morally clean but set apart for the Lords use.
  - a. Jeremiah was sanctified before he was born. “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.” Jeremiah was not made perfect but set apart, consecrated, unto the service of the Lord.
  - b. Jesus is said to have been sanctified. John 10:36 though he was sinless. Jesus said “For their sakes I sanctify myself. John 17:19
  - c. The church is sanctified, the ecclesia or the call out ones.
3. The initial act of sanctification is positional. The moment a person is born again they are sanctified.
  - a. 1 Corinthians 6:11 “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 and by the Spirit of our God.”
  - b. 2 Thessalonians 2:13 “But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.” At this time the Holiness of Jesus is imputed to the believer.
  - c. 1 Corinthians 1:2 “To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called, *to be saints*, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours.” See also Ephesians 1:1, Colossians 1:2, Jude 1 – saints.
  - d. Ephesians 1:4 Paul speaks of us being blameless but then spends the rest of Ephesians pointing out areas of our lives that needs to be made right.
    1. Hebrews 10:10 “By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”
    2. Hebrews 13:12 “Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate,” see vs. 13-17

Illustration: You go into a thrift store and spot a silver bowl that looks interesting and as you examine it you discover it is a priceless piece of art for you know its maker. It is tarnished, with small dents that can be repaired so you buy it and take the bowl home to yourself and start to remove the tarnish and repair the dents, for you can see what the master piece is to look like. Priceless!

## THE PRACTICAL SIDE OF SANCTIFICATION

1. Thessalonians 5:23 "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." V. 24 "He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it."
2. Colossians 3:8-12 READ the "putting off" and the "putting on"
3. Philippians 2:12 "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;" Read vs. 13-18

Last Words: Make it right with the Righteous One for He is always at work in your behalf.