

Sanctify - What Does This Mean Anyway? You'll be surprised!

- What does Scripture mean when it speaks of sanctifying, being sanctified, and sanctification? A study of preparation, obedience, holiness, grace, and the Father's transforming work.

Sanctification: More Than a Label

- The familiar definition is “set apart.” The Teaching asks what additional idea Scripture communicates when “holy” and “sanctify” appear together. The central proposal: sanctification is also an ongoing process of spiritual preparation.

Life as a Tool in the Father's Hands

- These experiences can become instruments of growth when submitted to Yahovah.
- Highs and lows Conflict and hardship Wealth and poverty Victory and failure Pain and joy

Biblical Forms of the Word

- Context determines how the term is functioning.
- Sanctify - to set apart Sanctified - already set apart Being sanctified - in the process of being set apart Sanctification - the state/result and ongoing process of being set apart

Genesis 2: The Seventh Day

- Yahovah blessed the seventh day and sanctified it. The Teaching treats this as a completed act of Yahovah. The Sabbath did not gradually become set apart; Yahovah set it apart.

Leviticus 20: Two Sides of the Process

- “Sanctify yourselves” - a commanded human response. “Be holy” - the resulting set-apart condition.
“I am Yahovah who sanctifies you” - Yahovah remains the ultimate source of sanctification.

Joshua 3:5 - Preparation

- Israel is told to sanctify themselves before crossing into the Promised Land. The Teaching sees sanctification here as preparation for what Yahovah is about to do. This becomes a picture of believers preparing to meet the Groom.

Exodus 31: Sabbath and Sanctification

- “My Sabbaths you shall keep.” The Sabbath is called a sign. Yahovah identifies Himself as the One who sanctifies His people. The Teaching sees obedience and Yahovah’s sanctifying work operating together.

The Surgery / Heart-Transplant Analogy

- The patient must follow the preparation instructions. Preparation does not make the patient the surgeon. The surgeon performs the life-giving work. The analogy illustrates human response without transferring Yahovah's role to the believer.

Sanctified by Truth - John 17

- Yeshua prays: “Sanctify them by Your truth.” “Your word is truth.” The Teaching therefore connects sanctification with hearing, believing, and living according to Yahovah’s Word. Yeshua also says He sanctifies Himself.

Grace and Obedience

- The Teaching does not present obedience as the price of salvation. Faith in Yeshua remains the believer's dependence for salvation. Obedience is presented as the expected response and evidence of a set-apart life. Legalism begins when confidence shifts from Yeshua to one's own performance.

Washed - Sanctified - Justified

- 1 Corinthians 6:11 is treated as a sequence of related but distinct ideas. Washed: the conversion/crossing-over starting point. Sanctified: the continuing process of transformation. Justified: attributed to Yeshua, not produced by personal obedience.

Romans 6: A New Direction

- No longer slaves of sin. Obedience leading toward righteousness. Present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness/sanctification. The Teaching emphasizes a changed direction of life from the heart.

Growing Into Maturity

- Philippians 1:6 - a good work begun and moving toward completion. 2 Corinthians 7:1 - perfecting holiness. Hebrews 10:14 - those who are “being sanctified.” James 1 - testing and patience producing maturity.

The Ruach and 'Glory to Glory'

- The closing discussion restores a slide the speaker says was accidentally skipped. 2 Corinthians 3:18 describes believers as “being transformed.” The Spirit is identified as active in the ongoing transformation into Messiah’s likeness. Sanctification is not a solitary self-improvement project.

What Does 'Perfect' Mean?

- The closing discussion describes perfection as maturity rather than flawlessness. Growth is progressive. The goal is increasing likeness to Messiah and faithful alignment with Yahovah's ways.

Closing Picture

- The Teaching ends with Yahovah as the One who completes the sanctifying work.
- Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in everything. Test all things; hold fast to what is good. Abstain from every form of evil. “May the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely.” - 1 Thessalonians 5