

## **A CHRISTIAN IS CONSECRATED TO GOD**

**1 Corinthians 1:2; 6:11**

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**Introduction:** A Christian is a person who has been "reborn," who belongs to the Lord, who lives every day by faith and trusting in the Lord. A Christian has also been "sanctified" which means he/she has been made holy, and has been set apart for a special purpose for God and is a child of God's family. Being "sanctified" affects the Christian's standing before God and his/her every day conduct as well.

### **I. A CHRISTIAN BEING "SANCTIFIED" IS A PROGRESSIVE THING**

1. Every Christian is sanctified.

- Being sanctified does not mean that a Christian does not sin anymore.
  - Christians were "sanctified in Christ Jesus" at Corinth - 1 Corinthians 1:2
  - Christians at Corinth HAD also been sanctified - 1 Corinthians 6:11
- A Christian can still be a "baby" in Christ and be "carnal" - 1 Corinthians 3:1-3
  - A Christian can be filled with envy, strife and divisions.
  - A Christian can still act worldly, carnal as if he/she were not a Christian.
- A Christian is still called a "saint" even though he/she may not be perfect yet.
  - "Saint" is a title for all Christians - Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2; Philippians 1:1; Colossians 1:2
  - A Christian is one who has been set apart to be God's holy person, therefore it is proper to call him/her a "saint" - 1 Peter 2:9
- A "Saint" refers to one's standing before God, one of His holy people.

2. Every Christian is also "being" sanctified.

- "Sanctification" is an ongoing process.
  - A Christian is "being sanctified" - Hebrews 2:21
  - "Sanctification" begins at being saved and continues as the Christian continues to grow in faith.
  - Paul prayed for the Thessalonians that God would sanctify them completely - 1 Thessalonians 5:23
- A Christian is to pursue holiness, sanctification.
  - The Hebrews were encouraged to do so - Hebrews 12:14
  - Paul commadned the Corinthians to also pursue sanctification - 2 Corinthians 7:1
- Because God is holy, so should the conduct of a Christian be holy - 1 Peter 1:15-16

### **II. SANCTIFICATION IS A PROCESS**

1. Sanctification is the work of the Holy Spirit.

- Without the Holy Spirit, there would be no sanctification:
  - "sanctified by the Holy Spirit" - Romans 15:16
  - "sanctified by the Spirit of our God" - 1 Corinthians 6:11
  - "sanctification by the Spirit" - 2 Thessalonians 2:13
  - "the sanctifying work of the Spirit" - 1 Peter 1:2
- The role of the Holy Spirit is necessary for a Christain's sanctification being continued.
  - The Holy Spirit was instrumental in a Christian being saved - Titus 3:5-6
  - The body of a Christian is the temple of the Holy Spirit - 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

- The Holy Spirit is the agent by which God strengthens the inner person of the Christian - Ephesians 3:16
2. Sanctification is also the work of the Holy Word of God.
- Sanctification is tied in with God's Word:
    - "...Sanctify them by Your truth. our word is truth.." John 17:17
    - "...that He might sanctify...by the Word.." Ephesians 5:26
  - The Word of God is the "sword of the Spirit" - Ephesians 6:17
    - A Christian who sets his/her mind on things revealed by the Holy Spirit in the Word of God is setting his/her mind on "the things of the Spirit.."
    - When a Christian sets his/her mind on "the things of the Spirit" (God's Word), he/she is then able to live according to the Spirit - Romans 8:5
    - When a Christian is led by the Spirit through the Word of God, he/she will then produce the fruit of the Spirit in his/her life, instead of self works.
      - Galatians 5:16-22
  - For a Christian to live a holy, sanctified life, he/she must allow the Spirit to do His work through the Word of God.

## CONCLUSION:

1. When a Christian understands that he/she:
  - is a reborn person
  - belongs to the Lord
  - is to live by faith
  - then he/she should have no trouble accepting the idea that he/she is also consecrated to God.
2. Christian! Do YOU appreciate the honor, the privilege of being "consecrated to God?"
  - Or that God has blessed you to be a part of a "holy nation?"
  - Or that God has called you to holiness because HE is holy?
  - Or that having sanctified YOU, He desires to finish the job, to sanctify you completely?
  - Or that God does this because He desires to live with you?
3. ***"...Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God..." (2 Corinthians 7:1)***