

Sanctification

Intro

Peter writes to bel's both Jews & Gentiles, living as pilgrims, serving as Ambassadors for Christ all over the world. Most of these regions were represented in Peter's first sermon in Acts 2 and some of the readers were saved that day as they stood on a Jerusalem street corner and heard the news about Christ dying for their sins & then raising from the dead.

Exegesis:

Vs 1 eklektos DMP1 – to the elected or chosen ones; synonym for saved ones; the chosen (bel's) scattered among the nations are in Peter's mind as he writes

Christ is God's chosen one – Lk 28:35; Cornerstone of God's building 1Pt 2:6

- Bel's are chosen in Christ – Eph 1:4 He chose us in Him before the world

Synonym for saved ones – Mt 24:22, 24; Mk 13:20; Lk 18:7; Rom 8:33; Col 3:12

Being chosen out of a calling – Mt 22:14 – Call (gospel message), Faith, Chosen

Rev 17:14 Lamb will win the last war because He is the King-Kings & Lord-Lords and those with Him are called, chosen and faithful.

Elect applies to angels – 1Tim 5:21 – saved angels cp with lost angels

Vs 2 acc to foreknowledge of GF – GF knew who would trust in Christ when they heard the gospel of salvation – those who trust in the Chosen One become chosen ones.

Omniscience – God's total knowledge all that is knowable both actual & possible

- God saw every possible scenario with every contingency, possibility and actuality and chose to create the specific history that is unfolding before our eyes.

Foreknowledge – God's total pre-knowledge of actual angelic & human history

- He chose this history & saw it in total before it occurred – end before the beginning
Act 2:23 – Christ nailed/cross acc to the predetermined plan & foreknowledge of GF

Vs 2 en + hagiosmos IMS + **pneuma** – by the sanctification of the Holy Spirit

Hagiosmos – purification, dedication, consecration, set apart for service

Pneuma – breath, wind, message, disposition, human spirit; Holy Spirit

Doctrine of Sanctification

1. The Hebrew qadash, the Greek noun hagios & verb hagiozo = sanctification.

- a. The root meaning of these words is to purify and set something aside for God's use.
Ex 13:2 – set aside (sanctify) all 1st born both man and beast in Israel for me
 - 1st born of man and animals were separated out for God's use
- b. When someone/thing has been sanctified it is free from impurity – pure, holy
- c. Once purified the person or thing is suitable for God to use for His purposes.
- d. Purification frees us from sin/evil allowing God to work through us.
Hagiazo Verb – to purify, sanctify, consecrate, make holy, dedicate, set apart for service.
Hagios Noun - saint, holiness, pure, upright, spiritual maturity

2. Sanctification occurs in 3 phases.

Positional:	Union with Christ	1Cor 1:2, 30; 6:11 – washed, sanctified, justified
Experiential	Spiritual growth to maturity	Rom 6:19; 1Thes 4:3-5; 1Jn 3:3; Jn 17:17
Ultimate	Believer in eternity	1Jn 3:1-2; 1Cor 15:51-57

- a. All 3 phases of sanctification are grace gifts from the Lord based on the work/Christ.
Act 20:32 – word of His grace to edify you - give you inheritance among the sanctified
- b. All 3 phases of sanctification involve being purified from sin and evil
2Tim 2:20-21 cleansed from dishonor, sanctified and ready for use
- c. All 3 phases of sanctification involve being set apart for service to the Lord.
Ex 13:2; 2Tim 2:21 – sanctified and prepared for the Master’s use

3. Positional Sanctification (PS) – complete forgiveness, cleansing, holiness

Heb 10:10	Totally sanctified (Pf Periphrastic) by blood of Christ
1Jn 2:12	All sins forgiven (Pf tense) for His sake -
1Pet 1:20-22	B,B,R à purified (Pf tense) your souls by obeying the truth
Col 3:9-10	Having already put off the Old Man – positional putting off

4. Experiential Sanctification (ES) – progressive - spiritual growth unto maturity

Heb 12:5-10	God’s training program – yields peaceful fruit of experiential +R
Rom 12:2	Transformation – no influence from world, transformed by renewing mind
2Cor 7:1	Cleanse ourselves from defilement of flesh/spirit perfecting holiness
Eph 4:22-24	Take off OM belief-behaviors – put on the NM holy like God

- a. Pos sanctification cleanses us from all judicial issues – justification
- b. While position is pure in Christ, we carry the OM BB’s into CWL
- c. ES involves being purified from OM beliefs & behaviors – take off
- d. ES involves replacing the OM with NM beliefs & behaviors – learn, believe, apply
- e. The result of ES is growth unto maturity – relatively mature – not perfection
- f. The means of ES – perception, metabolize by faith, application by faith

5. Ultimate Sanctification (US) – Life in eternity with God

Eph 1:4	God chose us to be in His presence holy (sanctified) & blameless
Col 1:22	Holy, blameless, above reproach – made perfect by God’s grace
Jude 1:24	Keep you from falling, present you blameless in His presence, with joy
1Jn 3:1-2	When He appears we will be like Him – resurrection body
1Cor 15	Defeated death through the resurrection – spiritual body forever
Jn 14:16	GHS will be with us forever – indwell our resurrection body

6. Agents of sanctification – God’s grace

GF	1Thes 4:3	GF’s will is that we be sanctified
GS	Heb 10:10-14	The sacrifice of Christ is the basis of our sanctification
GHS	1Pt 1:2	The actual agent who purifies us and enables us to grow spiritually
Truth	Jn 17:17	Sanctify them by truth – gospel = salvation; BD = maturity

At salvation, God resolves all judicial issues, purifies us and sets us apart to be used. In the CWL we grow into purity so that we can be used to glorify God in the A/C.