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SANCTIFICATION MECHANICS

HOW SANCTIFICATION WORKS IN SALVATION

"But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption"

~ 1 Corinthians 1:30

1. Salvation vs. Sanctification
- a. Salvation is simple to receive (faith), but its depth teaches the wisdom & grace of God
- *b.* 'Salvation' is the whole package, 'sanctification' is one part. *(Car vs. intake/exhaust)*
- c. What is sanctification? How does it work? (*manifolds, filter, sensors, throttle, resonator)*
- d. It gives salvation purpose (confusion separating salvation/service, position/condition)

2. The Function of Sanctification
- a. *~def* - The sacred purpose for which we're set apart, made usable, clean, pure, holy.
- b. *"What are we saved for? What is our purpose? What makes us different?"*
- c. Sanctification defines what is appropriate, fitting, meet, or peculiar to you.
- d. The priests were a picture of sanctification (purpose, clean) → Exo 28:1-41, 40:12-13
- e. Make a difference between holy/unholy - Lev 10:10, 11:44-45, 20:7-8
- f. Vessels of the word of God, meet for the master's use - 2 Tim 2:20-21
- g. Saint *~def.* A person sanctified to God, ordained to his purpose - 1 Th 4:3-4

3. A Problem of Purpose
- a. Even the world teaches to find your purpose or life calling – "what you're made for"
- b. The pure/clean/purposed/chosen have more right to instruct, judge, lead, and live.
- c. Sin stains, corrupts, profanes and removes any honor from our lives. Job 25:4, Pro 20:9
- d. Sin deceives us into thinking our purpose is for self (selfishness), world (worldliness)
- e. Profane changes the holy into nothing special, mundane (of the world) - Rom 1:21-23
- f. Sin makes us useless for our designed purpose, useless to God, unprofitable – Psa 14

4. Sanctification Components
- a. Sanctification as the purpose of God - Jer 1:5, Eph 1:11, 3:11
- b. Sanctification as purification (vs polluted) - 1 Tim 1:5, 3:8-9, 4:12, 5:22
- c. Sanctification as what is clean - Hag 2:12-13, (purge) 2 Tim 2:21, (wash) Eph 5:26
- d. Sanctification as separation – set apart requires separation - 2 Cor 6:14-17, 1 Cor 7:14
- e. Sanctification as holiness – 1 Thess 4:7-8, 2 Tim 2:16
- f. If something is peculiarly God's it is sanctified - Titus 2:11-14

5. Sanctification Confusion
- a. Making it about the cleaning and not the purpose - Matt 23:16-19, 27-28
- b. Making sanctification a separate salvation/second blessing - Eze 36:27
- c. Justification = salvation; Sanctification = service, walk, behavior. ← Error
- d. Sanctification in the Christian life is trying harder to do good - Rom 7:21, Gal 3:3
- e. Defining it by condition/state/circumstance and not your position/standing in Christ.
- f. Sanctification is a position and purpose in Christ, not obtained by a process or practice.
- g. Right division concerns the purpose/will of God, sanctification must be rightly divided.

6. Sanctification Mechanics

a. Why it is impossible to sanctify yourself:
    i. You can only clean the outside, God's grace affects the inner man.
    ii. You are not the standard of holiness, Christ is the image of the holy God.
    iii. You cannot give yourself a position that God made.
    iv. You cannot declare the purpose for which you're made. It is God's purpose.
b. It is God that sanctifies - Rom 15:16, 2 Th 2:13-14
c. Corinthians were sanctified in Christ - 1 Cor 1:2, 1:29-31, 6:9-11
d. Christ is your sanctification – you are made holy in Him – Col 2:10, 3:12, Eph 4:24
e. Your purpose is found in him – 2 Tim 1:9, Rom 8:29, Phi 1:29, 3:8-10, 4:9, 13
f. By the cross you are separated from the profane – Col 2:11-12, Rom 6:6
g. You being set apart from sin is only due to being in Christ, acc. to the mystery.
h. Sanctification is accomplished by the cross - Gal 2:20, 6:14
i. Now you have a heavenly position and ministry in Him – Eph 2:6, 5:30, 1 Cor 3:16
j. Paul prays that as God has sanctified them, they would be preserved - 1 Th 5:23