SANCTIFICATION

November 10, 2024 Text: 1 Cor 6:11, Heb 10:10 Dr. Stephen Burrell

Tension: Sanctification is the process of being made holy or set apart for God's purpose.

- This process involves both a one-time event of being declared holy (often referred to as positional sanctification - salvation) and an ongoing process of spiritual growth and moral development (often referred to as progressive sanctification).
- Sanctification is an inseparable part of salvation. It is not a volitional process in that we don't choose to be; we must work to not be.
- **Definition:** Instant sanctification refers to the immediate and complete set-apartness we experience at the moment of salvation.
- **Imputed Righteousness:** This is the righteousness of Christ credited to us, not based on our own merits but on Christ's sacrifice.
- **Definition:** Progressive sanctification is the ongoing process of becoming more like Christ throughout our lives.
- **Daily Growth:** Sanctification is a journey of continual growth and transformation influenced by the Holy Spirit.
- **Practical Outworking:** It involves our daily choices, spiritual disciplines, and the continual surrender to God's will.
- There are three tools God uses for progressive Sanctification.
  - (a) Holy Spirit
  - (b) Trials or tests of our faith
  - (c) Personal pursuit of Righteousness
- **Definition:** Final sanctification refers to the ultimate completion of sanctification when we are fully and perfectly conformed to the image of Christ at glorification.
- **Eternal Glory:** It represents the fulfillment of God's promises and the ultimate realization of our new identity in Christ.

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