

God's Will: Your Sanctification

1 Thessalonians 4:3

FAITHFUL BUT NOT FAMOUS

What am I called to be faithful to?

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Sanctification [NW1828]: The act of making holy. In an evangelical sense, the act of God's grace by which the affections of men are purified or alienated from sin and the world, and exalted to a supreme love to God.

Holy [NW1828]: Properly, whole, entire or perfect, in a moral sense. Hence, pure in heart, temper or dispositions; free from sin and sinful affections. Applied to the Supreme Being, holy signifies perfectly pure, immaculate and complete in moral character; and man is more or less holy as his heart is more or less sanctified, or purified from evil dispositions. We call a man holy when his heart is conformed in some degree to the image of God, and his life is regulated by the divine precepts. Hence, holy is used as nearly synonymous with good, pious, godly.

POSITIONAL SANCTIFICATION [*complete*]

Isaiah 53:6

Romans 3:23

Hebrews 10:9-10, 13:12

1 Corinthians 1:30

John 1:12

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PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION [*continuous*]

Hebrews 10:14

Romans 6:19

1 Corinthians 10:31

Colossians 3:17, 23-24

WE NEED BOTH

James 2:17

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