

Progressive Sanctification

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2. He freed us from sin at salvation, thereby making sanctification a real possibility (Rom. 6:22).
3. He called us to holiness (Rom. 1:7; 1 Cor. 1:2; 1 Thess. 4:3, 7).
4. He gave his word as a sanctifying influence (John 17:17, 19).
5. He commands us to yield to his will, disciplining ourselves to pursue holiness (Rom. 6:19; 12:1; 1 Cor. 7:34; 2 Cor. 7:1; 2 Tim. 2:21; Heb. 12:14; 1 Pet. 3:15).
6. He connects us with fellow believers for the purpose of mutual progress in holiness (1 Cor. 7:14; Eph. 4:11-12; 1 Thess. 3:12-13).
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Bible Texts

John 17

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

Romans 1

7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 6

19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Romans 12

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

1 Corinthians 1

2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

1 Corinthians 7

14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

34 There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

2 Corinthians 7

1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Ephesians 1

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Ephesians 4

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

1 Thessalonians 3

12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:

13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

1 Thessalonians 4

3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

2 Timothy 2

21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

Hebrews 12

10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

1 Peter 3

15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: