

SANCTIFIED IN CHRIST

Today's lesson comes from Paul's opening salutation to the Book of First Corinthians (1 Cor.1:1-3).

**This lesson will introduce four aspects of what Paul meant by
"to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus?"**

1. The Corinthian congregation understood what Paul meant by "Sanctified in Christ."

(1 Cor.1:2) "To the church of God which is at **Corinth**, **to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus**, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours."

(Rom.10:13) "For 'Whoever will call on the name of the lord will be saved.'" (Acts 2:21; **Joel 2:28**)
(Romans Chs .9-11)

2. Under the Old Covenant, Sanctification was by Shadow Christology (Heb.8-10/ 10:1) and the prophetic gospel of Christ (Gal.3:8).

But under the New Covenant, Sanctification is by the **historical gospel** of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.15:3-4/ according to Scriptures. (Heb.9:14-15; 10:1) and the Baptism of Holy Spirit

The Gospel:

(Heb.10:10) "By this will **we have been sanctified** through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all.**"

(Heb.10:14) "For by one offering He has perfected **for all time** those who are sanctified."

(1 Cor.1:2) "**To those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus**, saints by calling, with ALL who in every place call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours."

Under the New Covenant what is new is the Baptism of The Spirit:

(2 Thess.2:13-14) "But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through **sanctification by the Spirit and faith** in the truth. It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."
(1 Pet.1:2)

(1 Cor.12:13) "**For by one Spirit we were ALL baptized into one body**, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves of free, and we were ALL made to drink of one Spirit." (John 7:7-39; Gal.3:24-29)

3. Sanctified is the Greek verb (hagiazo, a perfect passive participle dplm). Hagiazo means to be separated unto the holiness of God by being made the holiness of God through faith in gospel and by being baptized into Christ.

The definition of the Greek Perfect tense is “completed action in past with results it remains completed forever” - “to those who have been sanctified in Christ.”

Thus, the Perfect tense of *hagiazō* means once sanctified in Christ always sanctified in Christ.

(Heb.2:11) “For **both He who** sanctifies **and those who** are sanctified are **all from one Father**; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren.”

4. “Sanctified in Christ” is a foundation doctrine of salvation.

(1 Cor.1:30) “But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and **sanctification**, and redemption.”

“Sanctified in Christ” is 1 of 50 foundational doctrines in the package of grace salvation.

Sanctification is listed in the “Salvation works of Holy Spirit” section of [“50 Things FREE”](#) on our website.

Sanctified in Christ means to be separated from something that is preventing God’s holiness (first Adam/ Adam’s Original Sin) and enabling something able to make one holy (the last Adam, Jesus Christ)

(1 Cor.15:45) So also it is written, “The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL.” The last Adam *became* a life-giving spirit.

(1 Cor.15:22) For as in Adam all die, so also in ^[a]Christ all will be made alive.

(Acts 10:15) Again a voice *came* to him a second time, “What God has cleansed, no *longer* consider unholy.”

(Acts 15:8-11) And God, who knows the heart, testified to them giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He also did to us; ⁹ and He made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith. ¹⁰ Now therefore why do you put God to the test by placing upon the neck of the disciples a yoke which neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? ¹¹ But we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way as they also are.”

(1 Tim.1:9) realizing the fact that law is not made for a righteous person, but for those who are lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers

There is no sanctification apart from “in Christ.”

(1 Cor.1:2) To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their *Lord* and ours:

(Heb.9:14) how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

(Rom.4:4-5) Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. ⁵ But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness,

(Heb.12:14) “Without sanctification NO ONE shall see the Lord.”