

Key Words of the Christian Life

Sanctification: Holiness & Obedience

2 Corinthians 7:1

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- **What is the difference between Justification and Sanctification?**

The short answer is this:

Justification is an act while Sanctification is a process.

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A. Positional Sanctification...

This means that in Christ, we have been set apart to belong to God and to serve Him. This never changes.

1 Corinthians 1:2 “To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours.”

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B. Practical or Progressive Sanctification...

Has to do with our everyday life and how we work to live a more godly live.

John 17:17 *“Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.”*

Ephesians 4:21...believers are to be *“taught with the truth that is in Jesus.”*

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2 Corinthians 7:1...

“Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.”

Two aspects of sin:

- a. Sins of the Flesh**
- b. Sins of the Spirit**

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- **John 6:63** *“The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing.”*
- **Philippians 3:3** indicates that we are to have no confidence in the flesh.
- **Galatians 5:19-21** lists sins of the flesh and notice that Paul always mentions the sexual sins first.
- **Romans 1:19-32** also lists sins of the flesh.

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There are also two aspects of Holiness in 2 Corinthians 7:1...*“let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.”*

One is negative and one is positive....

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The negative aspect has to do with us cleansing (or *purifying*) ourselves, and the intent here is that this *once and for all* we cleanse out of our lives the defilement of sin.

We see contrasts of that this looks like in 2 Corinthians 6:14-18...

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Contrasts of what is righteous and wicked:

- **Believers should not be yoked together with unbelievers**
- **No harmony between Christ and Belial**
- **No agreement between the things of God and idols**

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The positive aspect of Holiness is that we do not just focus on avoiding a list of things. It is about being positive in our life and our approach to living.

This is the part that focuses on “*perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.*”

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2 Corinthians 7:1 also reveals two motivations for obedience:

- a. Love of God**
- b. Fear of God**

This begins with the first phrase in verse 1. But what are these promises? Look back to Chapter 6:17-18.

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He promises to receive us and to be our Father if we are obedient. John 14:21-23 further explains this.

This all leads to a closer, deeper relationship with Him.

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The second motivation for obedience is the fear of God. This comes from the word “*reverence*” in 2 Corinthians 7:1.

His love is our motivation but so is our reverence for Him.

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C. Perfect Sanctification

1 John 3:2... *“We shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.”*