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Sanctify

- to purify, to cleanse, to make holy
- to set apart, to separate from profane things



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Hebrews 10 10 And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

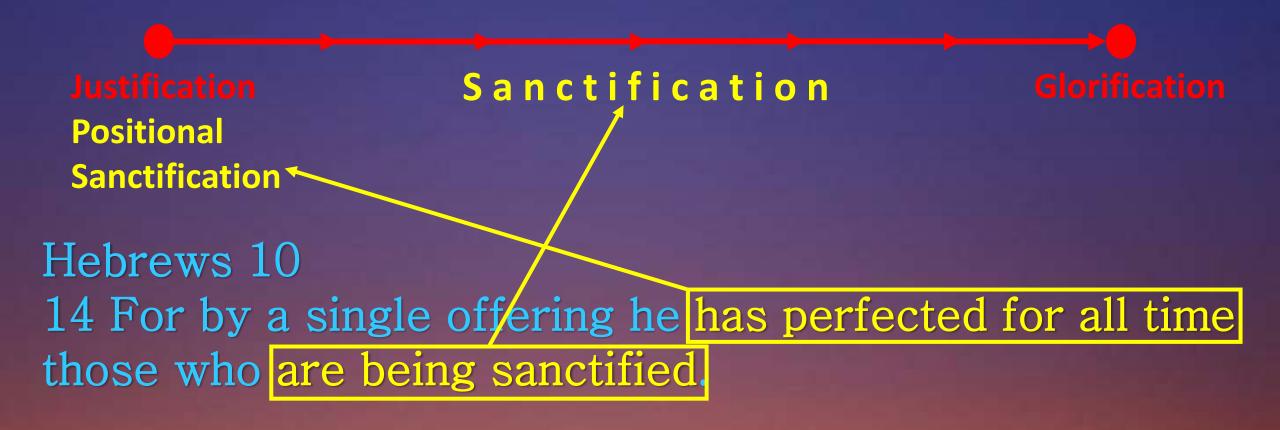
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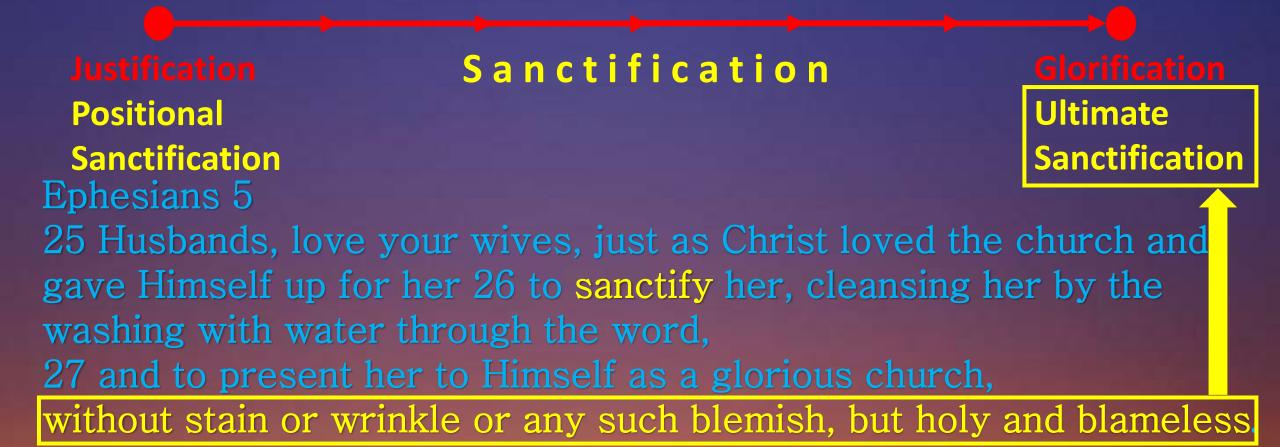
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27 and to present her to Himself as a glorious church, without stain or wrinkle or any such blemish, but holy and blameless.



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To what degree will I be sanctified?

A: Completely – to the full end.

– to the full image of Christ.

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What part of me will be completely sanctified?

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Philippians 1

4 In every prayer for all of you, I always pray with joy, 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

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- 1 Corinthians 1
- 8 He will sustain you to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 9 God, who has called you into fellowship with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

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- 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

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- 4 and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, reserved in heaven for you,
- 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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- 24 Run in such a way as to take the prize.
- 25 Everyone who competes in the games trains with strict discipline.
- They do it for a crown that is perishable, but we do it for a crown that is imperishable.
- 26 Therefore I do not run aimlessly; I do not fight like I am beating the air.
- 27 No, I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

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 NASB 27 I adjure you by the Lord ...

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1 Timothy 4

13 Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, and to teaching.

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Jude

24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless in His glorious presence, with great joy—

25 to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

