



Sanctification is intrinsically intertwined with the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit in your life. The Holy Spirit indwells us because Jesus is gone and we need another Comforter — one who will be with us constantly, helping us accomplish God's work. He enters our body at salvation as God's down payment that guarantees God will complete our salvation. Thus He seals us. From His home (our body) He ministers to us to cause our service to be effective. His ministry involves a number of accomplishments. He fills us, sanctifies us, equips us and puts a song in our hearts. In each aspect of this ministry He enables us to serve God more effectively.

- Indwelling has to do with *residency* in our body.
- Filling has to do with *empowering* for service.
- Sanctification has to do with *holiness* or *Christlikeness* in our living.

**Problem** — Colossians 1:21 – We are alienated...enemies in thinking...doers of wickedness!

**Solution** — Colossians 1:21b, 22 – “sanctification” — holiness, separation .

Three stages of God's solution to our sin problem...

## 1. \_\_\_\_\_ or Instantaneous Sanctification

The potter placed a chunk of clay on His wheel – “I've been saved!”

We are in a position that has resulted from having been sanctified. This is not an ongoing accomplishment but a past accomplishment with a present result.

1 Corinthians 1:1, 2; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Hebrews 10:10, 14

The Holy Spirit is the agent accomplishing our past sanctification: 1 Cor. 6:11; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Peter 1:2

The Corinthians were saints (past sanctification) but they were not living saintly! Sanctification is a past reality but it also involves a continuous process....

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## 2. \_\_\_\_\_ or Progressive Sanctification

The potter spends considerable time and effort shaping, molding, creating a masterpiece out of the clay as it yields to His hands – “I am being saved!”

Sanctification is not yet complete, it is presently going on...  
John 17:17, 19; Ephesians 5:26; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; 1 Thessalonians 5:23

Present sanctification deals with the bringing of our present state in line with our standing. Saints living saintly lives.

The Holy Spirit is the agent accomplishing our present sanctification. 2 Corinthians 3:18

### Four Fruits of Progressive Sanctification

- A Deep Sense of Unworthiness
  - An Increasing Hatred of Sin
  - A Growing Interest in Christian Duties
  - An Increasing Love of Heavenly Things
- J. M. Pendleton

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## 3. \_\_\_\_\_ or Final Sanctification

The potter sets the finished masterpiece in His presence for all to see His accomplishment – “I will be saved!”

1 Thessalonians 5:23; 3:13; 1 John 3:2

Romans 6:17:

Learn it.  
Love it.  
Live it.

