

Sermon Series: Making Sense of Salvation

Sermon Title: Sanctification-Saved from the Power of Sin

Sermon Text: Romans 6:8-14

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⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, ^[i]is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. ¹⁰ For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, ¹³ and do not go on presenting ^[g]the members of your body to sin as ^[h]instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as ^[i]instruments of righteousness to God. ¹⁴ For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace. (NASB)

Key Text: Rom 6:11 – Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Central Message: Sanctification is a cooperative process. You cannot do God's part and God will not do your part.

Justification and sanctification are two **different realities**, but they must never lose their **distinctiveness**.

If justification **is separated** from sanctification, we end up believing we can do what we want to do. If justification is merged with sanctification, we end up with a **works-based** salvation.

Sanctification is the process by which the believer is **progressively** separated from sin, and **progressively** dedicated to God's standard of righteousness.

There are three elements of sanctification: **instantaneous**, your immediate standing at salvation, **progressive**, your daily walk with the Lord, and **ultimate**, the final goal in eternity.

- *Point #1:* When we consider ourselves **dead** to sin and **alive** to God, we are freed from the power of sin. (Romans 6:1-7)
- *Point #2:* When we identify with Christ in His **death** and His **resurrection**, we are freed from the power of sin. (Romans 6:8-11)
- *Point 3:* When we **present** ourselves to God **instead** of to sin, we are freed from the power of sin. (Romans 6:12-14)