

What is Sanctification, and how Obtained?

It is the dedication of the whole soul, body and powers to God. It enables its possessor to live without sinning against God in either thought, word or deed. It not only purges out the old man with all his deeds, but keeps its possessor clean and pure in the sight of God. But, say some, the very Heavens are not clean in his sight, and how could a worm of the earth be? I do not read any place in all the word of God that Christ died to cleanse the heavens from impurity; but I do read that the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth from all unrighteousness. Well, but says another, "I believe it can cleanse from all sin sometime;" but if I believe my Bible and what it says, "Without holiness no man shall see the Lord," how foolish it is for professing Christians to think they must wait until death to have this great work accomplished in them! How could it be possible for God to tell them to ask Him to do a work in them which He was not able to perform. Again, it is the power of God in the human soul. It transcends all human thought, and it is a miracle, for it is a wonderful work beyond the power of man to perform. Christ must so live in the heart of the believer as to have the entire control of all the affections, and if he does not so live in us we are not His willing servant. Now, if God commands his followers to do a work for Him, and we are not willing to do that work, how can He dwell in us, for just as we yield ourselves to His service and to obey Him, we are accepted of Him. How can we accept of Him if we disobey Him? Would we be pleased with a servant who was constantly disobeying us, and meddling with our business and planning our work instead of obeying our commands? So it is with all His sanctified servants. But you say then, there are not many who so live! I believe not: but because there are only a few that is no reason why God is not able and willing to make all His followers holy; but it is not because He is unwilling, for it would be the greatest delight of our Heavenly Father to make us the partakers of the Divine mind so that we could fully understand His will concerning us. Now, in all ages of the world, the great standing doctrine