

## Salvation versus Sanctification What's the Difference?

### Definitions:

Salvation- The act of saving; preservation from destruction, danger.

Sanctification- Setting apart for God; the act of God's grace by which the affections of men are purified from sin and the world, and exalted to a supreme love to God.

<b>SALVATION</b>	<b>SANCTIFICATION</b>
Occurs <u>instantaneously</u> . (Luke 23:39-43) The thief on the cross had no time for works, he was saved the moment he believed.	Occurs <u>gradually</u> . (Romans 8:28; II Peter 1:5-8) Sanctification happens over time as we grow and mature spiritually.
<u>Either/ Or Situation</u> . (I John 5:12) You are either <u>saved</u> or <u>lost</u> .	Process that begins at <u>salvation</u> . (II Corinthians 5:17) Only after we are saved can our lives be truly set apart and purified by God.
Requires <u>faith</u> and <u>repentance</u> . (Mark 1:14-15)	Requires <u>yielding</u> to God (Romans 6:13) & <u>conforming</u> to His Word (Rom.12:2).
Eternally <u>secure</u> . (I Peter 1:3-5) Salvation can't be 'lost' or 'taken away'.	Can <u>change</u> . (Luke 22:31-32) Even though salvation is eternally secure, we must continue in our walk. We are either becoming more or less like Christ at all times. The goal is to become more like Him..
Removes the eternal <u>penalty</u> of sin. (Romans 5:9-11)	Resists the <u>desire</u> to sin. (Romans 6) Our actions <b>should</b> become more pure.
God's <u>desire</u> is for all to be saved. (II Peter 3:9)	God's <u>command</u> to believers. (I Peter 1:14-16; Ephesians 5:8) ...walk as children of light.

### Discussion questions:

Why is it important to note the difference between the two?

Whether or not we are saved determines where we will spend eternity. After we are saved, God desires to sanctify our lives.

What are a few ways that help promote our own sanctification?

- Prayer (Matthew 26:41)
- Meditation/Memorization (Psalms 119:9,11)
- Examination (King David-Psalm 139:23) & (Job 13:23)

**Worth Noting:**

God works in us to sanctify us; it isn't something we can do on our own.

(Matthew 23:27)

Sanctification doesn't mean sinless. (Proverbs 20:9)

Sanctification is a life-long process.

Total sanctification will happen when we see Him as he is. (1 John 3:2)

In your Christian walk, you are either becoming more like him or moving farther away, there is no “staying where you're at.” If we could chart our progress, we'd see that the slope and even the direction can change. Which path are you on right now?

