

Christian Beliefs Week 15: Teaching
Ch 15: What are Sanctification and Perseverance?

Intro: Any steps of faith to share?

What is Sanctification?

What is the difference between justification and sanctification?

What are the three stages of sanctification?

1. Sanctification has a definite beginning at regeneration.
2. Sanctification increases throughout life.
3. Sanctification is completed at death (for our souls) and when the Lord returns (our bodies).

There are verses that may seem like we are expected to be sanctified right now and be able to live without sin.

What is God's role in sanctification?

What is our role in sanctification?

How can we grow in our sanctification?

What does baptism in the Holy Spirit mean vs. being filled/empowered with the Spirit?

What Pentecostals believe:

What was the role of Pentecost?

How can we understand people's experience with second fillings of the Spirit?

Are there other biblical expressions, such as "filling with the Spirit," that are better suited to describe an empowering with the H.S. that occurs after conversion?

What is the perseverance of the saints? Can Christians lose their salvation?

What can give a believer genuine assurance?

Discussion:

- Do you believe you are dead to sin and it has no power over you? How can this be helpful to you when you think of areas you need to grow in your sanctification?
- What are some things you used to delight in, that now you don't?
- What areas do you want to grow more in sanctification? Your intellect, emotions, will, spirit, body?
- Before today, what was your understanding of "baptism in the H.S."? How has your understanding possibly changed? Do you understand now how to be empowered by the Spirit for your sanctification and service for God?
- Do you have an assurance of your salvation? What evidence in your life leads you to that conclusion? Do you know someone who has "backslidden" that you feel you may need to pray for or have a conversation with?