

A Study in Sanctification

1 Corinthians 6:11 - And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but **ye are sanctified**, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

The Event of Sanctification Defined

- To be set apart for God
- To be separated from the dominion of sin
- Power of sin over the believer is “neutralized.”

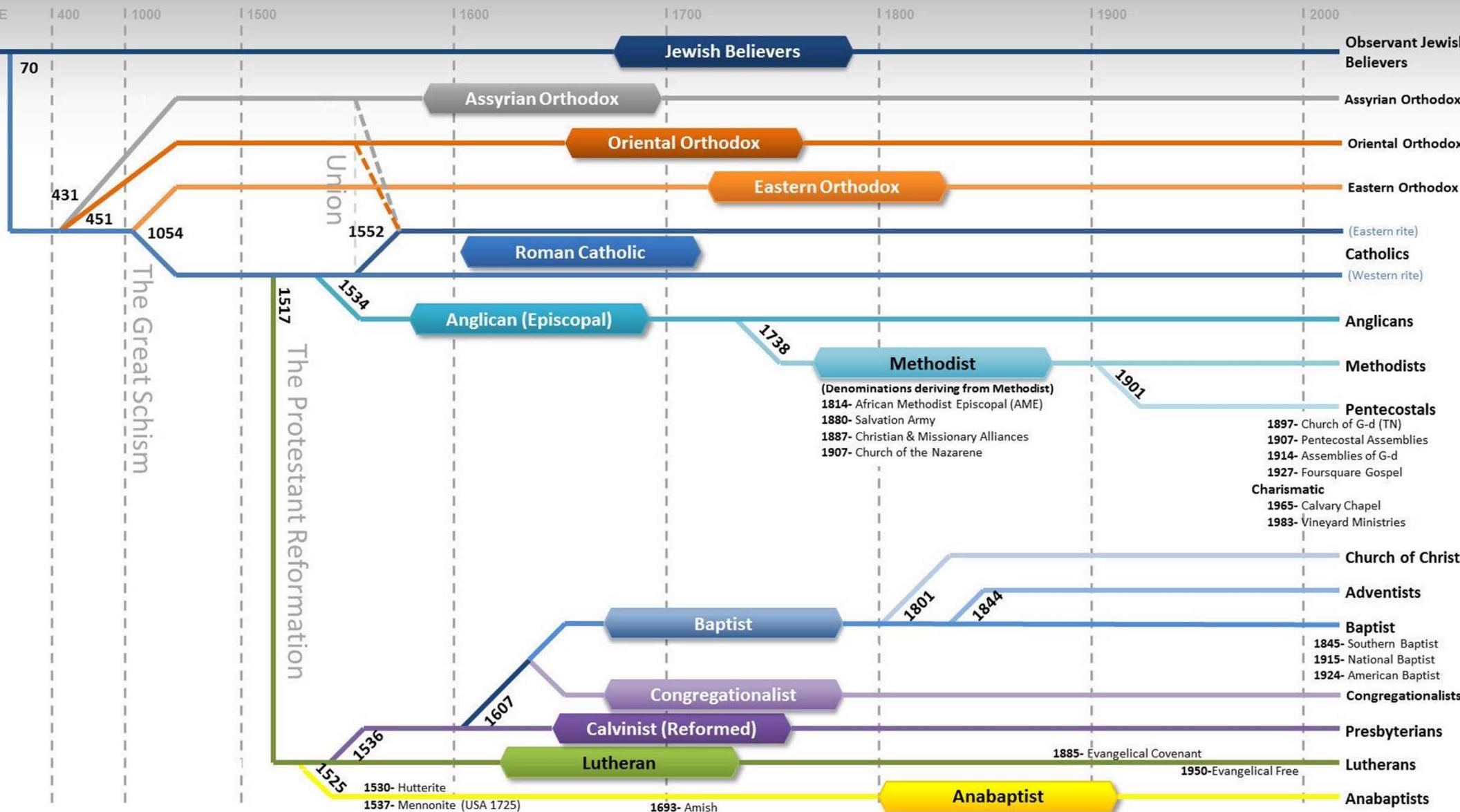
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- The victory is an “all ready, not yet victory.” Sin has already been defeated but sin and its presence has not been removed.
- Faith in Christ and the Cross allows us the potential to walk through this world free from the dominion of sin but not free from its presence.

The Event of Sanctification Defined

- Arguments have gone on for years!
- Results in much confusion
- Let's review some Church History

Family Tree of Christian Denominations



Methodism and Holiness Movements

- John Wesley - Father of Methodism
- While attending Oxford University, Wesley started the “Holiness” Club with 4 people.
- **Hebrews 12:14** - Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Wesley's Doctrine of Sanctification

- Wesley believed that there was a second subsequent work of grace he called entire sanctification.
- A believer could attain to this second work by an experience ...
- Once experienced sin would have been dealt a death blow and holy living would rise to the front.

Wesley's Doctrine of Sanctification

- Wesley taught that after the event, the believer grew progressively.
- Wesley emphasized the that evidence of this event was love for God/others coupled with a Holy life.

The Followers of Wesley

John Fletcher

- became the theologian of the movement.
- was destined to take over the movement after Wesley died but he died before Wesley.
- He called the second work of grace the “baptism with the Holy Spirit.

The Holiness Movement

- Followed the teachings of Wesley; particularly the 2nd work
- **Phoebe Palmer**, sister, and husband helped establish the movement.
- Taught the practice of receiving sanctification at the altar in New York prayer meetings 1839.
- This teaching awakened the emphasis of holiness and sanctification from around 1835 to 1850
- **Pentecostalism** rose from within these teachings

The Finished Work Controversy

- The leaders of the Azusa street revival taught that a believer must be saved, then sanctified, before he could be filled.
- This came from the Weslyan/Holiness teachings of the past 150 years.
- **William Durham** was from a different Christian background. He came from the Baptist stream that did not teach s;s;f.
- Skeptic who went to Azusa Street in 1906 and was filled.

The Finished Work Controversy

- Skeptic who went to Azusa Street in 1906 and was filled.
- Spent some time there; may have accepted the 3 works mentality for a time.
- Returned to Chicago; returned to the idea of sanctification at salvation; finished work.

The Finished Work Controversy

- Durham was a Baptist and they followed Calvin's teachings of instant sanctification upon conversion. Followed by progressive sanctification as one grows.
- Returned to Azusa St in 1909 - with a different belief regarding sanctification. Saved & Sanctified at salvation
- Preached this at Azusa street and the fire fell.

The Finished Work Controversy

- Seymour and Parham both rejected his teaching.
- He passed away just a few years later; pneumonia
- The finished work doctrine split the Pentecostal movement into two camps.
- Assembly of God - Springfield, IL
- Church of God - Cleveland TTN

What Salvation provides!

- Baptized into Christ**
- Regenerated** (a new creation)
- Indwelt by the Holy Spirit**
- Washed, Justified, Sanctified** - Freedom from the dominion of the sin nature, the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Salvation - the time of Sanctification

Hebrews 10:9-10 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. **10** By the which will **we are sanctified** through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10:14 - For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

Salvation - the time of Sanctification

1 Corinthians 1:2 - Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, **to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus**, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

Salvation - the time of Sanctification

Jude 1:1 - Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, **to them that are sanctified** by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:

Salvation - the way of Sanctification

Acts 26:18 - To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance **among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.**

Sanctification - can it be lost?

Hebrews 10:28-29 - He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: **29** Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, **wherewith he was sanctified**, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

Progressing in Sanctification

- **Progress** - to advance or develop a more full and complete understanding of the provision given.
- Freedom from the dominion of sin does not exempt us from the presence of sin.
- **Progressing in sanctification does not mean that we progressively defeat sin.**
- Faith in Christ crucified maintains our victory over sin, despite its constant presence.

Sanctification - Is It Progressive?

1 Thessalonians 5:23 - And the very God of peace **sanctify you wholly**; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Cor. 7:1 - Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, **let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.**

Sanctification - Is It Progressive?

2 Tim. 2:19-21 - Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. **20** But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. **21** If a man therefore purge himself from these, **he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use,** and prepared unto every good work.

Sin Agents “Neutralized”

- **Neutralized** - render (something) ineffective or harmless by applying an opposite force or effect.
- **Sin Nature** - Rom. 6:6-7; 6:11
- **World** - Gal. 6:14, 1 John 5:4
- **Devil** - Col. 2:14; Heb. 2:14; 1 Jn. 3:8b
- **Flesh** - Gal. 5:24; Gal. 5:16

Freedom from the Sin Nature

Rom. 6:6-7 - Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, **that the body of sin might be destroyed**, that henceforth we should not serve sin. **7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.**

Romans 6:11 - Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Freedom from the World

Gal. 6:14 - But God forbid that I should glory,
save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, **by whom the world is crucified unto me**, and I unto the world.

1 John 5:4 - For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and **this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.**

Freedom from the Devil

Heb 2:14 - Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; **that through death he might destroy him** that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

Col. 2:15 - And having **spoiled principalities** and powers, he made a show of them openly, **triumphing over them** in it.

Freedom from the Flesh

Gal. 5:24 - And they that are Christ's **have crucified the flesh** with the affections and lusts.

Gal. 5:16 - This I say then, **Walk in the Spirit**, and ye shall **not fulfill** the lust of the flesh.