

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.”**

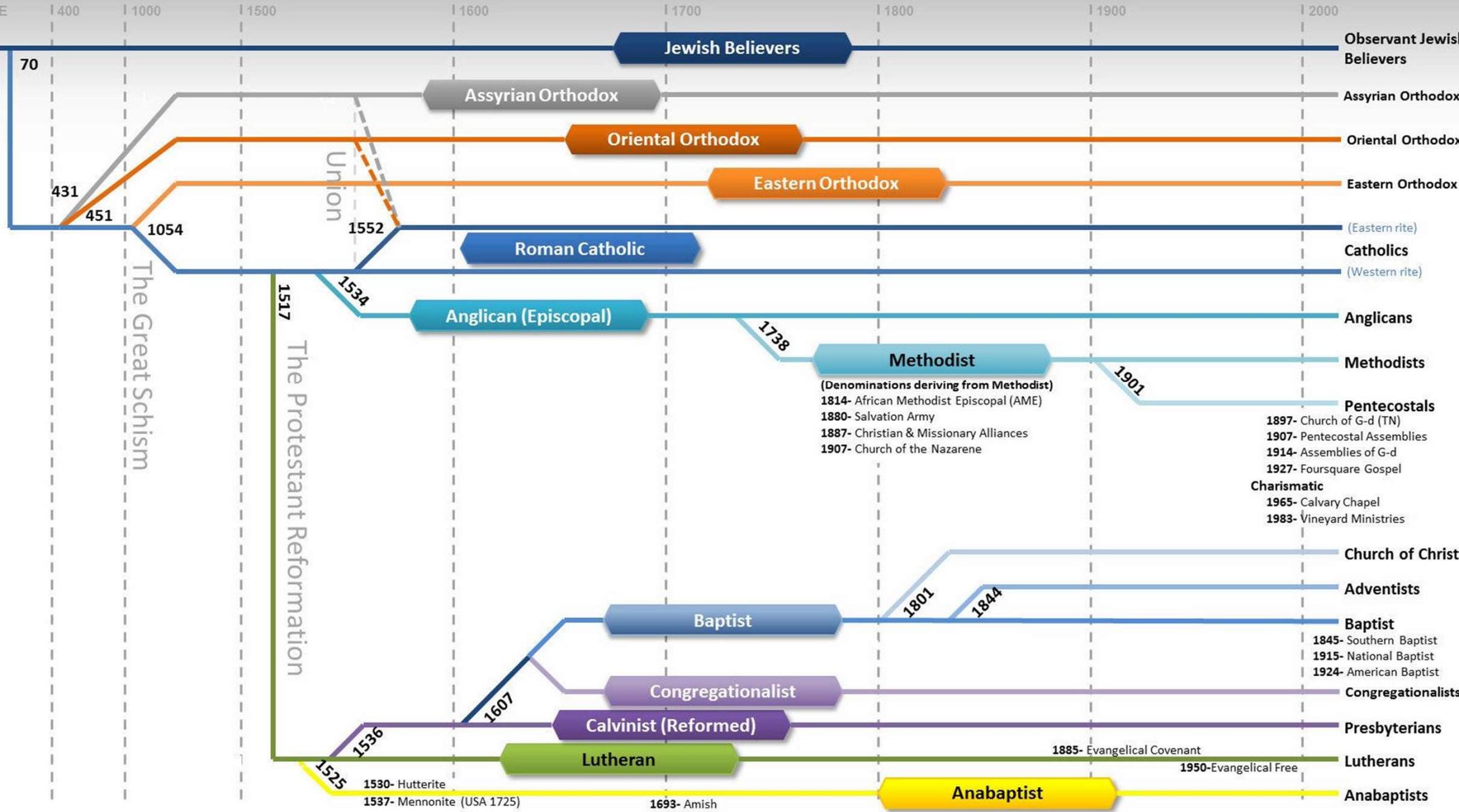
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- **The victory is an “all ready, not yet victory.” Sin has already been defeated but sin and its presence has not been removed.**
- **Faith in Christ and the Cross allows us the potential to walk through this world free from the dominion of sin but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