

WISDOM FROM GOD'S WORD

Joy in Jesus Christ
The Two Aspects of the Sanctified Life
Philippians 2:12-13

Truth: Sanctification is the progressive work of God and man that conforms us to the image of Jesus Christ in daily life.

1. The 3 phases of salvation:

- I am saved (regeneration).
- I am being saved (sanctification).
- I will finally be saved (glorification).

The goal of salvation is to be sanctified; to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ.

• The absolutes of salvation:

- Justified: sinless.
- Sanctified: holy.
- Righteous: morally correct.
- Glorified: ultimately and finally saved.

2. The 2 aspects of sanctification.

- *‘Work out’ your own salvation with fear and trembling v. 12*
 - Work out: a command to continue to actively engage in bringing salvation to its fulfillment.

“This exhortation assumes human free agency in the carrying on the work of one’s salvation” A.T. Robertson

“The salvation that is in you needs to be brought out all the way to its fulfillment, to its fullness” John MacArthur

- To work out externally what God has gifted internally.

- *God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure v.13*
 - Works: a continual empowering of God in you.
 - Will: the desire in you.
 - To do: the effort from you.
 - His good pleasure: God’s perfect will for you.

“If people are to see Jesus, to know Jesus, then they must see Him and know Him through those who are living for Jesus the sanctified life.”
