Progressive Sanctification

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy
Lord, God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee

Holy, holy, holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy
Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity

Holy, holy, holy
Lord, God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea
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*“Day and night, they do not cease to say, ‘HOLY, HOLY, HOLY is the LORD God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come’” (Rev. 4:8, NASB).*

*“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory” (Isaiah 6:3).*

**The backstory…**

Though the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of sin is paid for and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of sin is broken, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of sin still remains in the believer’s flesh and therefore must continually be put to death. Thus, the sanctification that begins definitively at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ necessarily continues throughout the entirety of the Christian life. This continuous aspect of sanctification is called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (*Biblical Doctrine*, John MacArthur & Richard Mayhue, p. 635)

a. To announce a favorable verdict, to declare righteous.

b. The work of God that gives new life to the one who believes.

c. Rescue, deliverance, remedy, especially from sin.

d. God setting the believer apart for Himself: positionally at salvation, progressively throughout life, and ultimately when the believer arrives in His presence in Heaven.

e. The individual, corporate, public, or private service for the lord, which is motivated by a reverence for and submission to Him who is totally worthy.

**Key Terms**

(Basic Theology by Charles Ryrie, chapter 94)

Matching Exercise

\_\_\_\_ 1. Justification

\_\_\_\_ 2. Regeneration

\_\_\_\_ 3. Salvation

\_\_\_\_ 4. Sanctification

\_\_\_\_ 5. Worship

*“Sanctify﻿﻿ them by the truth; your word is truth.*

*As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.*

*For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified”*

(John 17:17–19, NIV84).



(*Systematic Theology* by Wayne Grudem, p. 750.)

*“God’s ultimate purpose for his elect:*

*‘For those whom he foreknew he predestined*

*to be conformed to the image of his Son’ (Rom. 8:29).*

*That is how Scripture summarizes the goal of sanctification-*

*not merely to make us appear holy,*

*but to make us truly and thoroughly like Christ.”*

(*Sanctification: God’s Passion for His People* by John MacArthur, p. 13).

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| **JUSTIFICATION** | **SANCTIFICATION** |
| Legal standing | Internal Condition |
| Once for all time | Continuous throughout life |
| Entirely God’s work | We cooperate |
| Perfect in this life | Not perfect in this life |
| The same in all Christians | Greater in some than in others  |
|  | (*Systematic Theology* by Wayne Grudem, p. 747.) |

**Three Stages of Sanctification**

(*Systematic Theology* by Wayne Grudem, p. 747-753.)

1. Sanctification Has a Definite Beginning in Regeneration

2. Sanctification Increases Throughout Life

3. Sanctification is Completed at Death (for Our Souls) and When the Lord Returns (for Our Bodies).

**A True Story …**

*“For this is the will of God,*

*Your sanctification”*

(1 Thessalonians 4:3)

*“Now may the God of peace, Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass”* (1 Thessalonians 5:24,25, NASB).