

PRACTICING YOUR POSITION BY GRACE

- I. HIS PERSONAL AND HISTORICAL HISTORY WITH THE CHURCH (1:2-3:13)
- II. HIS PRACTICAL AND INSTRUCTIVE EXHORTATIONS TO THE CHURCH (4:1-5:24)
 - A. Exhortations concerning GENERAL CONDUCT if we want to PLEASE God. (4:1-2)
 - B. Exhortations concerning SEXUAL PURITY or HOLINESS. (4:3-8)
 - C. Exhortations concerning BROTHERLY LOVE and an ORDERLY LIFE. (4:9-12)
 - D. Exhortations concerning THE BLESSED HOPE of the Church. (4:13-18)
 - E. Exhortations concerning THE DAY OF THE LORD. (5:1-11)
 - F. Exhortations concerning CHURCH HARMONY and GROWTH. (5:12-15)
 - G. Exhortations concerning HOLINESS & SPECIFIC CONDUCT if we want to PLEASE God in our walk with Him (5:16-24)

* What is “holiness”? — (hagiasmos) =

I. _____ Sanctification (Hebrews 10:10, 14)

A. Positional sanctification, like justification, occurs _____ at the _____ of _____.

B. This speaks of your new spiritual status _____. (1 Cor 6:9-11)

* Who was responsible for this?

* Who set you apart “in Christ”?

C. This is a _____ that is _____ of all believers. (spiritually minded or not) (1 Cor 1:2; 3:1-3)

II. _____ or _____ Sanctification

A. A **definition** :Progressive or experiential sanctification is the _____ of sanctification whereby the believer in Christ is now _____ and _____ being set apart unto God day by day and moment by moment, _____ - hopefully, becoming more like _____ daily.

B. This is based on God’s _____ through Peter to be “Holy” (1 Peter 1:15-16)

C. This is the _____ of God for every believer (1 Thess 4:3-4)

*Is this really that important?

D. Practical sanctification is _____! (Romans 8:29)

E. The means to practical sanctification includes two things:

1) The truth of the _____ (John 17:14-19)

2) Your _____ to God (Romans 6; 12:1-2)

F. A **major obstacle** to practical sanctification is _____. (Rom. 12:2, 1 Jn 2:15-17)

* What is God's solution to worldliness?

1) It's the _____ & our _____ with it (Galatians 6:14-16)

2) It's walking by _____ & the sanctification process via the _____ and the _____ in our lives.

III. _____ Sanctification

*God's **goal** in progressive sanctification is to ultimately _____ you into the very _____ of _____.

* How is this all reflected in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22?

During this process of sanctification ... let us... (1 Thessalonians 5:16-22)

* Who is ultimately going to accomplish all these things?-- 5:23-24