

## Question 51

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### Q 51. What is sanctification?

**A 51. It is God's making sinners holy in heart and conduct.**

*Scripture Base:* Matt 23:25-28; Acts 9;  
Gal. 5:19-25; Heb. 12:14, 22-23; James 2:26;  
2 Pet. 3:18; 1 John 3:7-10.

*Doctrine:* WCF 13 SC 35

### Supplementary Questions.

1. What is sanctification?

2. What is the connection between justification and sanctification?

3. How long does sanctification take?

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### Teaching Notes.

Review Q50. What is justification? – *It is God's forgiving sinners, and treating them as if they had never sinned.*

**Story:** Saul's conversion: before Christ, he wanted to kill Christians; after Christ, he preached what he once tried to destroy (Acts 9).

### Questions

1. The work God's Spirit does within true believers to restore God's image (to make them like the Father & the Son). It's not something we can do, but something only God can do.

***Can you appear to be holy in conduct but not in heart?*** We can clean up our outside (our conduct), but we can't clean up our hearts. (Matt. 23:25-26).

***Can you be holy in heart and not in conduct?*** No, internal holiness will work itself out in our behavior. As we become more sanctified/holy in our hearts, we will obey more and sin less.

[Discuss the fruits of the Spirit and the flesh (Gal. 5:19-25)].

2. If we are not being sanctified by God's Spirit, we are not justified. The two must go together; they cannot be separated. (James 2:26). (Heb. 12:14). (1 John 3:7-10).

3. It doesn't happen all at once, but is a life-long process: (2 Pet. 3:18). If we have truly trusted in Christ, then God will complete it one day in heaven: (Heb. 12:22-23).

**Gospel:** What does your behavior reveal about the condition of your heart? If you're not obeying the Lord at all, then you're not saved. If you are obeying Him, but not because you love Him, then you still are not saved (it's not enough to obey because your parents require it). The one who obeys the Lord from the heart because he loves Him is the one who is saved/justified. His life shows that he is because he is being sanctified (becoming more like Jesus). If you aren't obeying the Lord or if you aren't obeying Him from the heart, because you want to, then you need the salvation Jesus alone offers. Turn from your sins and trust in Him.

Extras. Picture of red heart full of sins. White heart to stick good things on to and paste over sinful version. Verse Isaiah 1:18

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