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## Sanctification Pt 2 God sanctifies, and we sanctify God

This is our second teaching on the topic of sanctification. In our first study we established three points –(i). Christ is made unto Christians righteousness and sanctification and redemption, (ii) The will of the Lord is our sanctification– walk ye in it, and (iii) God has chosen you from the beginning to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit. In this study we established an additional three points– (i) God sanctifies His children – Israel and the body of Christ, (ii) God’s children (Israel and the body of Christ) sanctify their heavenly Father, and (iii) What is the effect of sin on God’s children Israel and the body of Christ?

It is from our search of the scriptures that we establish our three points–

### 1. The body of Christ are sanctified by the Holy Ghost

“That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost” (Rom 15:16).

### 2. We sanctify the Lord God in our hearts–

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you...”.(1 Pet.3: 15)

### 3. What is the effect of sin on sanctification

Regarding our salvation– once we are sanctified–

\* by faith – Acts 26:18 “that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me”

\* “By the Holy Ghost” (Rom.15: 16), we are sealed “unto the day of redemption (Eph.4: 30). See also Eph.1: 13).

Regarding our daily walk– given that we are sanctified by the word of God and the Spirit, if we read not the scriptures, and grieve the Holy Ghost, or quench the holy Ghost then we will reduce our level of sanctification and we will not sanctify, hallow His holy name among the heathen. Therefore, he chastens us (1 Cor.11: 32), and if we sin grievously He takes us home (1Cor.5: 1, 5).

#### Illustration

Seventh day adventists that require we worship on the Sabbath because God gave the sabbath as an everlasting covenant are ignorant of the Old Testament. The perpetual covenant was between God and Israel (Ex.31: 16) as a sign and for Israel’s sanctification. Christ is the Lord of the Sabbath and we are not to judge one another in respect of an holiday...or of the sabbath days” (Col.2: 16).

#### Questions of the scriptures

i) How do God’s children sanctify Him? And ii) how do the heathen sanctify God?

#### Answers from the scriptures

i) God’s children sanctify the Lord when they obey Him, which hallows His Holy name “Neither shall ye profane my holy name; but I will be hallowed among the children of Israel: I am the Lord which hallow you” (Lev.22: 32). See also Eze 36:23, Matt.6: 9.

ii) The heathen sanctifies God when the Lord executes judgment on them

“And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Zidon; and I will be glorified in the midst of thee: and they shall know that I [am] the Lord, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in her” (Ez.28: 22).

Let us as the body of Christ, rejoice in God’s sanctification through the blood of Christ, and walk in a way that sanctifies, that hallows, that makes holy the name of the Lord Jesus Christ among the heathen! Amen!