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To proactively accelerate the spiritual growth of Grace Bible Church for the purpose of knowing God more intimately and becoming more effective servants of God in the world

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**Soteriology II**

Sanctification in the Old and New Testaments

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**Sanctification**

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set-apartness =  
“holiness, distinctness”

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### Sanctification in the Old Testament

- ✓ “Holy” occurs 1x in Genesis
- ✓ Holiness theme begins in Exodus 3:5 and following
- ✓ Holiness in OT is exclusively tied to the Law of Moses
- ✓ Sanctification under the Law is not complete (Heb 10:1)
- ✓ Full sanctification requires a complete sacrifice (Heb 10:10)

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### Classic Christian Misconceptions about OT Sanctification

- ✓ The Law was attainable (Acts 13:38; 15:10; Rom 4:13–16; 5:20; 7:8–9)
- ✓ The Law sanctified believers from the heart (Deut 30:5–6; Ezek 18:31; 36:26)
- ✓ Old Testament saints bore fruit
  - ❖ The noun and verb for “fruit” or “bearing fruit” does not occur in the OT with any clear sense that OT saints were bearing fruit in the NT sense.
- ✓ Old Testament saints had a transformed heart
- ✓ The Holy Spirit sanctified believers

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### Classic Christian Misconceptions about NT Sanctification

- ✓ The Flesh is equivalent to Sin (Rom 8:3)
- ✓ Sin exists when we aren’t sinning
- ✓ I can walk in the Flesh and in the Spirit at the same time (Gal 5:16)
- ✓ The Holy Spirit helps me defeat some sins, but not all (2 Pet 1:3)
- ✓ It is inevitable that I will sin (Gal 5:25)
- ✓ Not sinning is fruit-bearing (Eph 4:24)
- ✓ Godly desire, by itself, is fruit (Rom 10:2; 2 Pet 1:10; John 14:15)
- ✓ Sanctification is fueled by works (Rom 15:13)
- ✓ God won’t give me more than I can handle (2 Cor 1:8; 1 Cor 10:13)
- ✓ The goal of sanctification is self-sufficiency

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Unique New Testament Realities of Sanctification

- ✓ The Spirit
  - ❖ Regenerates (Titus 3:5)
  - ❖ Indwells (Rom 8:11; 1 Cor 6:19)
  - ❖ Baptizes (Matt 3:11; 1 Cor 12:13)
  - ❖ Seals (Eph 1:13-14; 4:30; 2 Cor 1:21-22; cf. 2 Tim 2:19)
  - ❖ Fills (Acts 2:4; 4:31; 9:17; Eph 5:18)
- ✓ Fruit-Bearing (Gal 5:22-23; Col 1:10; Phil 1:11; Jam 3:17-18; John 15:1-8; Rom 7:4)

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Unique New Testament Realities of Sanctification

- ✓ Sanctification
  - ❖ Internal and External
  - ❖ Sacrifice of Christ is sufficient (Heb 10:10)
  - ❖ Predominantly moral component (1 Thess 4:3)
  - ❖ Physical vestiges will resurface in the Millennium
- ✓ The Heart (Heb 10:22; 1 Pet 1:22; 2 Cor 5:17; Rom 2:29; Heb 8:10)

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