



HANOVERDALE CHURCH

Sanctified

Positional and Progressive Sanctification

DEVOTIONALS FOR THE WEEK OF:

July 19, 2026

This week let's dig deeper about the meaning of sanctification.

Monday: John 17:17

The Greek word in this verse is not an adjective (meaning "your word is true") but a noun (alētheia, "truth"). What does that mean to you? The standard for what defines Truth is only one Book. What is that? In fact every other truth needs to be tested against the Truth of the Bible. `What helps a person to be sanctified? Does it happen all at once? Why or why not? Do you believe in Truth? How does one find the Truth? Why is it a lifelong process? From what are we to be separated? To what should we be sanctified? Today, seek the Truth and then live out the Truth. How will you do that in relation to God? How about in relation to your neighbor?

Tuesday: Hebrews 2:11; 10:10-14; 11:40, 12:23; 13:12, 24

Once sanctified, for how long does sanctification last? If sanctification means holiness, what does it mean that we can still sin? When will a person become so holy that they can no longer sin? Is Christ perfect? Process the thought that our perfection is connected to Christ in His perfection. What is it about Christ that makes us perfect? The original Greek language means that we begin with positional sanctification, we become progressively sanctified in this life and are deemed perfectly holy in heaven.

Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Titus 3:5

What three words stand out as key words in this passage? In this instance washed does not refer to water. What might it refer to? Have you been spiritually cleansed from your sin? What will wash away sin? Being baptized in the Holy Spirit means to invite Him into your life. Have you ever done so? What happens when you invite the Holy Spirit to indwell you? What ways of life should fade away in your life if the Holy Spirit indwells you? Justified is a legal term. Have you been declared free from judgment? What does that mean if you are accused by the devil of being guilty? What can you claim instead? Today choose to live in a way that is consistent with this verdict.

Thursday: Philippians 2:8–13

What does it mean to work out your own salvation? Is our faith based on our own good works from the past? What are some things that you have done in the past that you hope might earn you some brownie points with God? What does the work of God have to do with it? What does working out your salvation with fear and trembling mean to you? What sort of relationship do you have with God? Can you ever be good enough to merit God's favor? If not, what is it about God that earns you the right to be in God's family? This week, spend time doing the work of serving God. When someone comes to mind, give them a call and spend time praying with them. As a way to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Friday: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; 2 Corinthians 3:3-18

What does it mean that you are a new creation? What changes when you become a follower of Jesus? Where before you lived for self, for what or for whom should you live as a Christian? What should we ask God regarding other people? What should be our prayer about this world of darkness? Today ask God to make you a blessing of His Light in the world around you.

Saturday: Philippians 1:6

When does this struggle of progressive sanctification end? How does it find completion? Who is in charge of completing my sanctification? Was it up to me to start my spiritual walk toward maturity? What does God call this arduous task of progressive sanctification? Why is it 'a good work' being done? How do I know when it is complete? What promotes spiritual progress? Understand that God's faithfulness ensures that He will be with you until Jesus returns.

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