

sanctification



What we want to answer

- Do we really need to be holy or is it an optional extra?
 - How does sanctification work?
 - Why should we be holy? What are the right motivations?
 - How does the gospel connect with sanctification?
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- Danger of using 'the Spirit' as the complete explanation of sanctification – simplistic, mystery
 - Danger of ignoring the Spirit and turning sanctification into a skill or exercise of will or intellectual activity

The Spirit is the spring of all

Sanctification: Union with Christ	Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 6:17; 12:13
Sanctification: Lordship, Law & Obedience	Jer. 31:33; Ezek. 11:19-20; 36:27
Sanctification: Adoption	Rom. 8:14; Gal. 4:6
Sanctification: Faith	Rom. 8:23; Eph. 3:16-17; 1 John 5:1
Sanctification: Spirit	

Sanctification: The Spirit

- The Almighty Spirit
- Regeneration and the signs of life
- The Sovereignty of God and the Striving of Man
- Our desperate need and our great prayer

His incomparably great power for us who believe.

- **The Almighty Spirit**

God created the universe by the Spirit

Life is the work of the Spirit

The incarnation is the work of the Spirit

Jesus cast out the forces of evil by the Spirit

God raised Christ and will raise us by the Spirit



You must be born from above... born of the Spirit (John 3:7-8)

- **Regeneration and the signs of life**

Ezek. 36:26-28; John 14:18-23; Gal. 2:20; Col. 1:27-28; 3:1-11 – Christ in us and us in Christ

How do you know you are born again / alive?

- Love – 1 John 4:7-12
- Faith – 1 John 5:1
- Fruit of the Spirit – Galatians 5:16-26
- Crisis and then struggle (not the other way around)

- The Sovereignty of God and the Striving of Man

Rom. 8:13; 1 Cor. 15:10; Phil. 2:12-13; Gal. 5:16-26;
Col. 1:29; 2 Tim. 2:25 – who is working?

100% God 100% Man

Commands and the power to obey them (cf. Matt. 12:13)

Act the miracle

You are alive, you have God, make war

- Our desperate need and our great prayer

Luke 11:13; Eph. 1:17ff; 3:14-21

A.P.T.A.T. = Admit, Pray, Trust, Act, Thank

Further reading

- [J I Packer excerpts on the Spirit](#)
- J Piper, [Finally Alive](#)
- J Piper, [Sanctification in the everyday](#)
- [All I have is Christ](#) (Sovereign Grace)