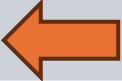


Brandon Baptist Church

Statement of Faith

Article 10 – OF SANCTIFICATION

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OF SANCTIFICATION

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- that it is a progressive work;
- that it is begun in regeneration;
- and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means--especially the Word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness, and prayer.

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- 1 Thessalonians 4:3 => For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality;
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23 => Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 2 Corinthians 7:1 => Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.
- Ephesians 1:4-6 just as **He chose us in Him** before the foundation of the world, **that we should be holy** and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, **by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.**

Deeper Look: Holiness

- 2 Corinthians 6:14 - 7:1

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

“I will dwell in them And walk among them.

I will be their God, And they shall be My people.”

Therefore

“Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord.

Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.”

“I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters,

Says the LORD Almighty.”

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that it is a progressive work;

- Proverbs 4:18 => But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, That shines brighter and brighter until the full day.
- 2 Corinthians 3:18 => But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed** into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.
- Hebrews 6:1 => Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us **press on to maturity**, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,
- 2 Peter 1:5-8 => Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Philippians 3:12-16 => Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I **press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus**. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for **the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus**. Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you; however, let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained.

that it is begun in regeneration;

- 1 John 2:29 => **If you know that He is righteous**, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him.
- Romans 8:5 => For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.
- John 3:6 => "That which is **born** of the flesh is flesh, and that which is **born of the Spirit** is spirit.
- Philippians 1:9-11 => And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.
- Ephesians 1:13-14 => In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation--having also believed, **you were sealed in Him** with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given **as a pledge of our inheritance**, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means--especially the Word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness, and prayer.

- Philippians 2:12-13 => So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your salvation** with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.
- Ephesians 4:11-12 => And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the **equipping of the saints** for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;
- 1 Peter 2:2 => like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of **the word**, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,
- 2 Peter 3:18 => but **grow in the grace and knowledge** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.
- 2 Corinthians 13:5 => **Test yourselves** to see if you are in the faith; **examine yourselves**! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you--unless indeed you fail the test?
- Luke 11:35 => "Then **watch out** that the light in you is not darkness.
- Luke 9:23 => And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must **deny himself**, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.
- Matthew 26:41 => "Keep watching and praying that you may **not enter into temptation**; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."
- Ephesians 6:18 => With all prayer and petition **pray at all times in the Spirit**, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and **petition for all the saints**,
- Ephesians 4:30 => **Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God**, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

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