

“Listening in on Jesus”

John 17: 6-19
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Every Christian can enhance their relationship with God by understanding all three parts of sanctification.

Sanctification is “to separate, to set apart for some special purpose.”

Part 1– Past (positional) Sanctification

The Bible Says– God set you apart. (John 17:17)

The Catch– You can’t earn it or work for it.
(Ephesians 2:8-10)

Your Responsibility– Believe it through faith!

Your Emotional Reaction– Humility and thankfulness.

Part 2– Present (experiential or progressive) Sanctification

The Bible Says– Set yourself apart. (John 17:16;
Colossians 1:23)

The Catch– You can’t do this on your own.

Your Responsibility– Partner with God.

Your Emotional Reaction– Peace and confidence.

Part 3– Future (ultimate or perfect) Sanctification

The Bible Says– You won’t be complete in this life.
(1 John 3:2-3)

The Catch– You’ll need faith to believe in what you can
not see.

Your Responsibility– Focus on the completed work of
Christ.

Your Emotional Reaction– Hope.

If we understand the process of sanctification, we can walk with God in:

1. Humility and thankfulness instead of fear or pride because He has done a great work.
2. Peace and confidence instead of guilt and shame because He is still doing a great work.
3. Hope instead of anxiety because He already secured the future.

Additional References:

Hebrews 10:10-14
1 Corinthians 12:13
Titus 3:5-6
Colossians 1:22
Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-10
Romans 3:23; 8:1
Isaiah 64:6
Jeremiah 17:9-10
Proverbs 14:2
Colossians 1:23
Galatians 5:22-23
1 Peter 1:15-16
1 Peter 1:3-7, 16; 2:1-3
Philippians 4:8
1 John 3:2-3
Ephesians 1:13-14
1 Thessalonians 4:18