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Hebrews 2:11-13; Selected Scriptures  
Series: *Why Did Jesus Come?* [Advent, #3]  
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## **What is sanctification?**

1. Basically: to be or make holy.  
(11; see also Leviticus 11:44; 21:8; Psalm 99:3, 5, 9; Isaiah 1:4; 6:3; John 17:11, 17, 19; 1 Peter 1:15-16; Revelation 4:8)
  
2. Then: to set apart or dedicate.  
(11; see also Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 13:2 compare Numbers 3:12-13; Exodus 29:42-44; 30:26-29; Nehemiah 13:22; Jeremiah 1:5; 6:4; Matthew 23:17; John 17:17, 19; 2 Peter 1:18)

## **What is our sanctification that Jesus came to bring?**

1. Three aspects.
  - a. The initial work of sanctification: when you placed your faith in Christ.  
(11; see also Acts 26:18; Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2 compare 3:1-4; 5:1-2; 6:1; 11:17-22; 6:11; Hebrews 2:11 & 3:1 compare 5:11-14; 10:10, 14, 29; compare 2 Corinthians 5:17; Colossians 1:3; 2:10)
  
  - b. The final and complete work of sanctification: when you are with Christ.  
(11; see also Romans 8:29; 1 Corinthians 15:42-44, 51-53; Ephesians 5:22-27; Philippians 3:20-21; Colossians 3:4; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; 2 Thessalonians 2:14; 2 Timothy 2:10)
  
  - c. The present process of sanctification: as you present yourself to God.  
(11; see also John 17:17, 19; Romans 6:12-14; 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Galatians 5:16, 22-23; Philippians 2:12; 3:13-14 compare 9-12; Colossians 3:8-17; Hebrews 6:1; 12:1; 1 Peter 1:15; 2 Peter 3:18)

2. Three means.

a. God's gracious work through the Holy Spirit.

(11; see also Acts 26:18; Romans 8:12; 15:16; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 6:11; Galatians 5:16-18, 22-23; Ephesians 5:26; Philippians 2:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Peter 1:2)

b. God's gracious work through the Scriptures.

(11; see also John 14:17, 26; 16:13; 17:17, 19; Ephesians 5:26; James 1:22, 25)

c. God's gracious work as you cooperate with Him.

(11; see also Romans 6:13; 8:13; 12:1-2; 13:12; 2 Corinthians 7:1; Ephesians 4:1-3, 24-25; 6:11-18; Colossians 3:5-17; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7; 5:8; 1 John 3:3)

### In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

**Monday.** Jesus came to earth to sanctify us. What is sanctification. Why is this a beautiful gift? The first aspect of sanctification is what God does in a person when he/she places faith in Christ as Savior. Review any notes you took about this on Sunday along with some of the Scripture references. What did God do for you when He sanctified you?

**Tuesday.** A second aspect of sanctification we unwrapped on Sunday was the final and complete work when we are with Christ. Read through the Bible references in the outline. Think about, and then thank and praise God for what He will do for you.

**Wednesday.** The third aspect of sanctification is the present process of presenting ourselves to God for Him to transform us to be more and more like Christ. While this is God's work, we must actively cooperate with Him. What is the biggest challenge you have in presenting yourself to God? Is there anything you really haven't put under God's control?

**Thursday.** God is the One who sanctifies us in all its aspects. It is His gift, His grace to us. While God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all involved, the Holy Spirit leads the work in our present process of sanctification. Review some of what God uses. Now that you have unwrapped this beautiful gift, enjoy its beauty by thanking God and presenting yourself to Him and His work in you.

**Friday–Saturday.** Sunday we will look at Jesus coming to break Satan's power. Read Hebrews 2:5-18, noting verse 14 in particular as you think about what that means as part of your preparation for our time of worship together.