

## **“Sanctification: Our Participation”**

Philippians 2:12-13

July 28, 2019

### **The Main Idea...**

We actively participate in our progressive sanctification by making diligent use of God-given means.

1. God fulfills his good purposes in us by his powerful **GRACE**
  - His working in us begins with our **WILL**
  
2. Because God works in us, we also **WORK**
  - Our pursuit of living a holy life is evidence that we truly have been **BORN AGAIN**
  
  - Gradual growth in personal holiness is NOT an **OPTION** for a Christian
    - Hebrews 13:20-21
    - Galatians 2:20
    - Colossians 1:28-29
    - 1 Corinthians 15:10
  
  - Our growth in holiness isn't ultimately dependent on our own **UNAIDED** efforts

### 3. God-given means of sanctification

#### ○ **Scripture**

- John 17:17
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- James 1:23-25
- Hebrews 4:12
- Psalm 119:105

#### ○ **Prayer**

- Hebrews 4:14-16

#### ○ **Fellowship**

- Hebrews 10:24-25

#### ○ **Providence**

- Romans 5:1-5
- 1 Peter 1:3-7
- 2 Corinthians 1:3-5
- 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

#### ○ **Obedience**

- John 15:1-11 (specifically vs. 10)

### **Community Life Group Discussion**

*For the Week of July 28, 2019*

1. What is something new you learned about sanctification or what was something that was reaffirmed and encouraging?
2. Philippians 2:12-13 commands us to “work out our salvation with fear and trembling” and that God is the one who works within us to accomplish this.
  - a. Discuss the comfort of verse 13 in accomplishing the command of verse 12.
  - b. How should “fear and trembling” play a role in your pursuit of holiness and fighting against sin?
3. Read the following passages and discuss the truth and encouragement of God’s working in us to aid our pursuit of holiness.
  - a. Hebrews 13:20-21
  - b. Galatians 2:20
  - c. Colossians 1:28-29
  - d. 1 Corinthians 15:10
4. Review the 5 means of God-given sanctification. How are you doing at appropriating these means in your pursuit of holiness?
  - a. Discuss the difference these make in being able to “behold the glory of the Lord” in your daily life.
  - b. How can you encourage each other to better pursue these in your life?