

## SANCTIFICATION: GROWING IN GRACE

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### I. SANCTIFICATION IS A \_\_\_\_\_ -Romans 7:13-20

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### II. SANCTIFICATION IS \_\_\_\_\_ - Romans 6:19-23; 8:28-29

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A. \_\_\_\_\_ maturity—a biblical \_\_\_\_\_ - Eph. 4:20-32

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B. \_\_\_\_\_ maturity—a biblical \_\_\_\_\_ - Eph. 4:14; 2 Pet. 1:3

- Through God’s Word, the psalmist maintains a pure life (9)
- Through God’s Word, the psalmist strives to live a life of integrity (10)
- Through God’s Word, the psalmist avoids sin against God (11)
- Through God’s Word, the psalmist praises God accurately (12)
- Through God’s Word, the psalmist declares God’s truth (13)
- Through God’s Word, the psalmist treasures God’s truth (14)

- Through God's Word, the psalmist meditates on God and His actions (15)
- Through God's Word, the psalmist delights in God's knowledge (16)

Learning biblical truths is as essential for the Christian's progression in sanctification as breathing is to live.

### III. SANCTIFICATION IS \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - Galatians 5:22-23

*Sanctification [is]...through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him.*

### IV. SANCTIFICATION IS \_\_\_\_\_ - 1 Thessalonians 5:23; 2 Pet. 3:18

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## CONCLUSIONS

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