

CMA DNA:
Christ as Sanctifier
John 17:13-19
Take 2

December 17, 2023

Sermon Sketch: We all need holiness – Jesus gives us holiness through the Holy Spirit. Sanctification is positional, crisis and progressive in nature.

- 1) How has the Christ been your Savior in the past week? (CMA DNA: Christ as Savior, 12/10/23)
- 2) What were some of your first experiences with the Holy Spirit working in your life? How did the Holy Spirit bring conviction of sin to you and lead you to that place of decision for Jesus.
- 3) In Romans 4:3 Paul states, “For what does the Scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.’” When we come to Christ as Savior we are justified before the bar of heaven. In the same way we are decreed “holy” before God. Does this positional nature of sanctification make sense to you?
- 4) Having been decreed holy by God there is still the need to experientially die to self and live to God (Romans 15:16, 1 Thessalonians 5:23, Luke 9:23 and Romans 12:1): when and how did you first face this crisis of sanctification? If you haven’t experienced this yet, can you see the need for it in your life?
- 5) Ephesians 5:18 says “And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the

Spirit.” The Greek grammar here might be accurately translated, “keep on being filled with the Holy Spirit”. The progressive nature of our growth in holiness (sanctification) is borne out both in our own experience and in the clear teaching of Scripture (2 Corinthians 7:1, 1 Thessalonians 4:4). How, over the past year, have you seen the Holy Spirit growing you in Christ-likeness?

- 6) Sanctification as discussed here is very personal in nature. How might growth in holiness become a corporate reality? What would our fellowship look like if we individually and as a Body became more passionate about God’s holiness?
- 7) How can our own personal growth in holiness become a catalyst for change in the lives of those around us? Is holiness “caught” or “taught” or both?
- 8) How might an increased sense of the Holy Spirit’s work in your life affect your upcoming celebration of Christmas?
- 9) How can we pray for each other’s progression of sanctification?

