

SANCTIFICATION:

“an immediate work of the Spirit of God on the souls of believers, purifying their natures from the pollution and uncleanness of sin, renewing in them the image of God, and thereby enabling them...to yield obedience to God.”

“It is the universal [wholesale] renovation of our natures by the Holy Spirit into the image of God.” (Owen, 230)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Corinthians 5:17) (NIV)

This work is progressive and by degrees.

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light. (Ephesians 5:8-9) (NIV)

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:18) (ESV)