

# Threefold Sanctification

## Jude 1

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1 Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father KJV

The NASV read a little different...

## Jude 1

1 Jude, a bond-servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are the called, beloved in God the Father NASV

## 1 Cor 1:2

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2 To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus,

## 1 Peter 1:1-2

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1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen 2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit,

4 These three passages all talk about the sanctified, the NASV says called, ones, Christians. What is interesting is that each of these passages refers to that sanctification differently. The Christian is said to be sanctified in or by... 5

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- 1) God
  - 2) Christ Jesus
  - 3) Holy Spirit
- In...

## Deut 6:4-5

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4 "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one!

Moses here is talking about the unity of what has become to be called the God-Head. Note the words that he uses...

The term for The Lord comes from...

**Yehovah** (yeh-ho-vaw'); OT:3068

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From OT:1961; (the) self-Existent or Eternal; Jehovah, Jewish national name of God: KJV - Jehovah, the Lord.

He uses a different word for God...

**Elohiym** (el-o-heem'); OT:430

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Plural of OT:433; gods in the ordinary sense; but specifically used (in the plural thus, especially with the article) of the supreme God; occasionally applied by way of deference to magistrates; and sometimes as a superlative:

KJV - angels, exceeding, God (gods)- dess, -ly), (very) great, judges, mighty.

Moses starts with the idea of “The Lord,” “Yehovah,” which for the Jew defined exactly who was under discussion, the one and only God. Then he uses the term for a plurality of gods, “Elohiyim,” to describe that “The Lord” is made up of a plurality but is also one...

**Echad** (ekh-awd'); OT:259

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A numeral from OT:258; properly, united, i.e. one; or (as an ordinal) first:

KJV - a, alike, alone, altogether, and, any (-thing), apiece, a certain, [daily-], each (one), eleven, every, few, first, highway, a man, once, one, only, other, some, together,

So, Moses speaks of the union of the three entities that make up this God-Head, the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit as being one.

You often hear people trying to split up this unity. They make preferences in the Persons of the Trinity; they think of Christ as if He were the embodiment of everything that is lovely and gracious, while the Father they regard as severely just, but dependent on Christ for kindness; and they want to magnify the decree of the Father, or the atonement of the Son, so as to depreciate the work of the Spirit. I guess the point is that in terms of grace, none of Trinity act apart from the rest. They are as united in their deeds as in they are in their very essence. In their love towards the sanctified Christian they are one, and in the actions which flow from them, they are undivided.

That is what we see in the three passages we began with. They all speak of the sanctification process of the Christian, but they speak of this process from the different aspects that are part of it.

For this lesson we are going to look at these three aspects of this sanctification process of the Christian.

Our first point then is...

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1) God

As we saw in James...

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### ***“To them that are sanctified by God the Father”***

The idea that we are sanctified by God the Father, or as the NASV reads, “called,” speaks to the first step of the process. Sanctification is defined as...

**Hagiazo** (hag-ee-ad'-zo); NT:37

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From NT:40; to make holy, i.e. (ceremonially) purify or consecrate; (mentally) to venerate:

KJV - hallow, be holy, sanctify.

We often think of this process as being set apart, separated from. But it goes much deeper than just being separated out, it means to be separated out for a specific purpose. So when Paul writes to the Corinthians that they have sanctified by God, he means that they have been separated out for a specific purpose. Two questions immediately arise from this thought...

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A) Separated from what

B) What purpose

Paul addresses this, also in...

**Eph 2:1-3**

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**1** And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, **2** in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the

spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. **3** Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

Prior to coming to God through Christ, we are all part of this world. Paul calls that being dead in our trespasses and sins. If we are not walking with God, we are walking by the course of this world, we are living in the lusts of our flesh, indulging in the desires of mind. That may not be what we think at the time, we may actually be trying to live pretty good lives, but the point is...

**Matt 12:30** 16

**30** "He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

Christ is very clear, we either walk with Him in faith and obedience, or we walk in the world. That is exactly what Paul is saying in Eph. 2.

When we come to God through Christ we are separated from the world and from our trespasses and sins.

The second question raised is for what purpose?

**1 Peter 2:20-21** 17

**20** For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God. **21** For you have been called for this purpose

To do what is right, to suffer for doing that, if necessary, that is what finds favor with God, that is the purpose for which He calls us.

**Eph 2:4-5** 18

**4** But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, **5** even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive

So God calls us out of the world and our sin because of His great mercy for the purpose of doing His will, good works. Paul tells us in...

**Eph 2:10** 19

**10** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

This brings us to the next aspect of the sanctification process...

20 **“Sanctified in Christ Jesus,”**

It is God who calls us, calls us to redemption, sanctification that can only be found in...

21 2) Christ Jesus

**Eph 1:3-4** 22

**3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, **4** just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him.

Christ is the focal point of God's plan. It began by pointing towards Him, Gen. 3 when God promised the serpent that the seed of woman would bruise his head. It was manifested in Him and

His life, as seen in His statement in John 14 that any who have seen Him have seen the Father, and it is through Him that the plan is culminated in His death burial, and resurrection, Romans 6. Sanctification, true separation from this world happens when we are redeemed from our sins, brought out of this world into the glory of God.

*Acts 10:42-43*

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**42** And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead. **43** Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins."

That is the key. Do we believe in Jesus as the Christ, as the Son of God, as our redeemer? Unless we do, we cannot be saved from our sin and this world.

*Eph 2:11-13*

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**11** Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "Uncircumcision" by the so-called "Circumcision," which is performed in the flesh by human hands— **12** remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. **13** But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Christ can and will be our redeemer if we will only come to Him, and that brings us to our third point...

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### ***“By the sanctifying work of the Spirit”***

God calls us to come to Him through His Son, Christ Jesus, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit.

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3) Holy Spirit

How does God call us through the Spirit? Maybe just as important is understanding what God calls man to. In...

*Matt 11:27*

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**27** All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.

God desires a relationship with His greatest creation, man. He wants man to know who He is, what He is. That's what Christ is talking about here, the way for man to know God is revealed to him by Christ. That is the invitation that Christ, God, offers...

*Matt 11:28*

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**28** "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

There is a rest waiting for all who would come to God through Christ and Christ tells us how to find that rest. How, if you will to hear God's calling...

*Matt 11:29*

**29**

**29** Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.

“Learn of Me,” is what Christ says. He says that He would reveal God to man. This was done in two ways...

**30** a) Through His life

That’s the point He makes in John 14:9, that when man truly sees Christ, he sees the Father in His Love, mercy, grace, wisdom, all the things that are God.

**31** b) Through His word

Note how Mark begins his treatise...

**Mark 1:1** **32**

**1** The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Christ revealed is God revealed and Christ is revealed to man in the Gospel. Isn’t that what Mark is saying, the good news of Jesus Christ? Here then is where we see the work of the Spirit. Christ told His disciples that they would be given what they are to say.

**Matt 10:19-20** **33**

**19** But when they hand you over, do not worry about how or what you are to say; for it will be given you in that hour what you are to say. **20** For it is not you who speak, but it is the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

When this passage is taken in conjunction with...

**Acts 1:4-5** **33**

**4** Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me; **5** for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Christ told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for what God had promised them, the Holy Spirit. That same Spirit that He told them would speak through them, helping them to reveal Christ. Now look at...

**2 Tim 3:16-17** **34**

**16** All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; **17** so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

The Spirit reveals God through those who wrote the scriptures.

God sanctifies all who come hear His call to come to Him through the plan of Salvation He put into place, calling man to come to Him through Christ, in whom the plan was revealed and consummated. That is what the Spirit has revealed in the scriptures.

We are sanctified when we respond to the Word, through Christ, coming to God in faith and humility, giving ourselves to Him.