

# Sanctification: God's Grand Plan

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**<sup>11</sup>“For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.”**

The heavenly Father has a grand plan for the life of every person, and it can be summed up with the word *sanctification*. If you have never been certain of the term's meaning, you are not alone—many people are unclear about its definition and application. However, believers should understand it because the word applies to them.

In its verb form—*sanctify*—the term means “**to make holy**” or “**to separate.**” So, when something is sanctified, it is separated from its former common usage and is dedicated for sacred purposes. The Old Testament mentions a number of things that the Lord sanctified: He made the seventh day holy, set aside the Levite tribe as priests, and even consecrated places like the Holy of Holies inside the tabernacle ([Genesis 2:3](#); [Numbers 3](#)).

### Genesis 2:3 (NASB)

**<sup>3</sup>“Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.”**

The heavenly Father still sanctifies people today. Before a person places faith in Jesus Christ, he or she is spiritually dead and, in fact, an enemy of God ([Ephesians 2:1-3](#); [Romans 5:10](#)).

### Ephesians 2:1-3 (NASB)

**<sup>1</sup>“And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,**

**<sup>2</sup> 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.**

**<sup>3</sup> 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.”**

### Romans 5:10 (NASB)

**<sup>10</sup>“For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.”**

But the moment the choice is made to trust in Jesus Christ, sins are wiped away, and the individual is adopted into God's family—set apart as a child of God, with a sacred purpose. This means believers aren't here to chase after personal gain but are to serve the Lord and bring Him honor and glory.

As members of God's family who are called upon to reflect His glory, believers are referred to as “**saints.**” We're given this moniker—which shares its root with *sanctification*—not because we live sinless lives, but because we live a life consistent with the One we represent.