



Salvation > Sanctification

*“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord”
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Rom. 6:23 is a familiar verse which is often quoted in witnessing and evangelic outreach. This verse is often spoken to the unbeliever in “Romans Road” presentation of mans’ condition and how they can be saved. But it is unfortunate that this verse is often read in isolation and not seen or understood in its context.

Sanctification as seen in Romans 6:8-23

- Follows the witness of water baptism, that they have been dead to sins and alive in Christ (Rom. 6:1-5)
- Living as we those that had died and we have got a miraculous new chance at life (Rom. 6:13), sufficient has been the time spent for the flesh and this world (1 Peter 4:3)
- This truth is established by teaching and obedience from the heart (Rom. 6:17)
- Slave/bond-servant to Jesus (Rom. 6:22)
- We see that the Holy Spirit is the one who sanctifies us (1 Pet. 1: 2)
 - A balance of we working out the salvation that God works in us (Php. 2:12, 13)
 - There is an aspect of Righteousness, Peace and Joy in the work of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 14:17)

Flesh – wars against being sanctified. (Gal. 5:17)

Mind (Soul) – Concurrs that we need to be sanctified (Rom. 7:22, 23) but doesn’t not have any power, it either is set on the flesh or the Spirit (Rom. 8: 5, 6)

Spirit – gives us the power to put to death the flesh and leads us in sanctification (Rom. 8:13)

Sanctified (in past tense)

There are verses that say that we have been sanctified, there is an aspect of sanctification that we have been set apart and consecrated with respect to our past (1 Cor. 6:9-12). Need to be established that we have been sanctified (set apart) from those things that we have sinned in the past or else that can paralyze us with guilt and self-condemnation (1 Tim. 1:12-17).

Sanctification (in the present tense)

There are verses that speak to us being sanctified daily

Rom. 6:19 – present our members not one time but constantly

2 Cor. 3:18 - We are transformed from one glory to another in to the image of Jesus Christ (divine nature/eternal life).

In KJV, it speaks of the “remission of sins” (Matt. 26:28). We may have heard or familiar with someone being in remission from cancer. Cancer is in remission when the person has taken the treatment and then the cancer has not been found. But there is a constant observation and care taken to ensure that the cancer doesn’t come back.

We can read, Rom. 6:23 with that analogy of cancer, as “the outcome of cancer is death, but remission of cancer through treatment (sanctification) is health and life.”