

**sanctification**



# What we want to answer

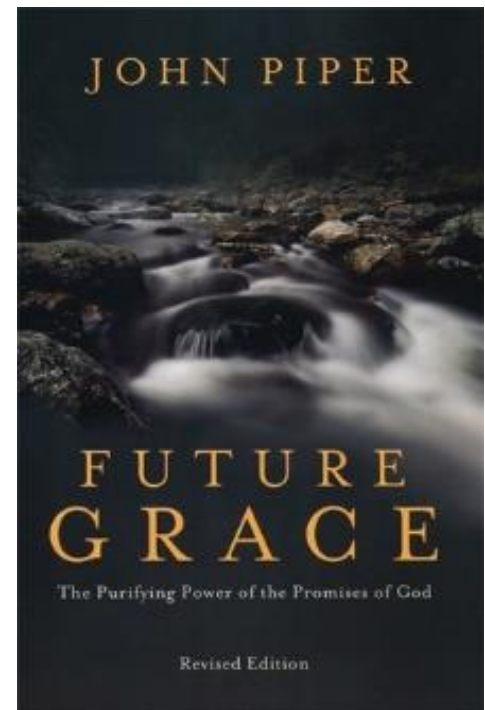
- Do we really need to be holy or is it an optional extra?
  - How does sanctification work?
  - Why should we be holy? What are the right motivations?
  - How does the gospel connect with sanctification?
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- Not quietism (“Don’t wrestle, nestle”)
  - Not moralism (“Just do it”)

# Where we're going...

Sanctification: Union with Christ
Sanctification: Lordship, Law & Obedience
Sanctification: Adoption
Sanctification: Faith
Sanctification: Spirit

# Sanctification: Faith

- Faith is *future*-focused longing
- This faith is *the spring* of all good works
- It is a *fight* of faith not a passive thing



Isaiah 40:30-31; Lam. 3:21-29

Luke 18:7-8

Romans 1:5; 14:23

Gal. 2:20

1 Thess. 1:3, 9-10

1 Timothy 1:5; 6:12,17-19; Titus 2:12-13

1 Peter 1:3-9, 13f

Hebrews 3:19-4:2; 10:34

## Hebrews 11

- What is faith?
- What is the relationship between faith and works?

- Application

1. Fight the lies of sin with the promises of God

- He cares for you
- The Father loves you as he loves the Son
- He is *for* you because of Christ
- He will use everything (even the bad) for your good
- Nothing can separate you from the love of God
- Nothing can snatch you out of His hand
- Christ will be with you always to the end of the age
- He is your good shepherd guiding and feeding you
- He is the bridegroom nourishing and perfecting his bride
- He will sanctify you completely
- Comfort in every affliction
- Strength to the weak
- Christ is coming soon, we will see his face
- He will save you from the coming wrath
- We will rise again with glorious bodies to reign with him
- Our inheritance, a perfect, imperishable new creation
- Perfect justice done, every injustice righted

- Application

2. Think particularly of your Great Hope and how things will be at the end and strive towards that – the end is the great driver of the Christian life

- Romans 12:9-21

- Ephesians 5:3-6

- Philippians 3:12-21

- Colossians 3:4-6

- 1 John 3:2-3

3. Have a great concern for one another's faith

- 1 Thess. 3

- Heb. 3:12-13

# Further reading

- John Piper, [Future Grace: The Purifying Power of the Promises of God](#) [rev. ed.] (Multnomah Books, 2012)
- John Piper sermon series: [Battling Unbelief](#)
- DeYoung, [Is Salvation By Faith Alone?](#) (No – in the sense of a passive thing)

And to remind us of our future hope:

- [Soon and very soon](#) (Brooke Fraser)
- [There is a day](#) (Phatfish)