

Under Construction: Sanctification as Christlikeness

Introduction Question: What's the danger for becoming "Christ-like"?

I. The 3 stages of Sanctification

A. Positional – God declares us holy at the moment of salvation
(I. Cor. 1:2)

B. Experiential – (progressive) – the daily experience of being liberated from the power of sin

C. Ultimate – the reaching of the final goal of transformation at the time of the return of Christ (I John 3:2)

II. Experiential Sanctification

A. The goal of Christlikeness (Roman 8:29, II Corinthians 3:18)

- The Michelangelo Analogy:

Image —→ **Selection** —→ **Releasing** —→ **Product**

- God is in the process of changing us

B. How does God do it? (What is our role?)

- **Exposure to the Word (John 17:17)**

Engagement with Others (Proverbs 27:17)

Experiences of Life (James 1:2-4)