

Review (45): *It's a Wonderful Life: Solutions for Those Involved in a Mixed Marriage*, 1 Cor 7:14

1 Corinthians 7:14 - For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the agency of his wife and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the agency of her believing husband, otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy.

- (40) This verse at first appears to be confusing but once understood it documents one of the blessings that comes with membership in the royal family of God. The word “sanctified” in both cases translates the perfect passive indicative of the Greek verb **ἀγιάζω / hagaizo** / and means “to be set apart.”
- (41) There are two applications of that concept in this verse, one implied and the other stated. First of all let's note the sanctification that is implied.

Hebrews 10:14 - For by one offering, Jesus Christ has permanently perfected those who are being sanctified.

- (42) The “one offering” was His work on the cross which removed the sin problem for the human race. God was propitiated, man was reconciled, and sin was paid for through redemption.
- (43) “... those who are being sanctified” refers to the moment of salvation when the believer is “permanently perfected” by the imputation of God's righteousness and the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
- (44) This baptism is literal, the sanctification is positional, and its status is permanent. It places us into Christ, we are currently in Him, and we share with Him all the assets He possesses in hypostatic union.
- (45) This is the implied application of **ἀγιάζω / hagaizo** /. The sanctified husband is said to sanctify his unbelieving wife. The sanctified wife sanctifies her unbeliever husband.