

March Message Series:

“The Life of Holiness”

(Understanding Sanctification)

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PREPARATION – Time to get ready for God’s NEXT STEP of Maturity!

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DEFINITION- Let us define God’s Target for Maturity

DEFINE “Holiness”- hagios (ha'-jīy-os) *adj.*

1. **holy** (set apart by Yahweh God unto himself and apart from the world).
2. (of a person) a **holy one**.
3. (physically or ceremonially) **clean**.

DEFINE “Sanctification” – SANCTIFY -to be set apart; deemed holy

The Process of Sanctification – the process of becoming g more like Jesus and less like our OLD NATURE

Question: What does SANCTIFICATION look like?

1 Thessalonians 4:3- Sanctification Looks like our NEW LIFE! (Learning the process)

3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification:

- that you abstain from sexual immorality; (Do not participate in)

- **4** that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, (Learn how to live a God centered existence)

5 not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God;

- **6** that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. (Treat your fellow man in a way that honors God)
- **7** For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. (Fulfill God's call on your life)

WARNING ... KEY VERSE: **8** Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

1 Peter 4:1-6 – The Will of God/ My Sanctification ... Not to Live like we did in our OLD LIFE!

1 Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,

2 so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God.

3 For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry.

Manifestation- The Problem that blinds our growth in Christ!

Message ONE: The ENTRANCE POINT to the Soul

(Ezek 12:2) "Son of man, you dwell in the midst of a rebellious house, who have eyes to see, but see not, who have ears to hear, but hear not, for they are a rebellious house."

Principle ONE: The eyes of the believer should use the lens of the Word of God and the view finder of the Holy Spirit to determine all things righteous and holy.

The Problem- The Eyes of SIN

The Eyes of Righteousness ... God's Viewpoint

God is AWARE of who we are and where we are in our Journey of Faith!

(Ps 11:4) The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD's throne is in heaven. ***His eyes watch; his eyes examine all people.***

God's is WATCHING through eyes that see SIN Correctly!

(1Pet 3:12) For ***the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,*** and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

Nothing in this life is HIDDEN from God!

(Heb 4:13) And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and ***exposed to the eyes of him*** to whom we must give account.

JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST: Romans 14:10 Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will **all stand before the judgment seat of God;** **11** for it is written, "As I live,

says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess² to God.” **12** So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

QUESTION: Why do we need to mature in the process of Sanctification?

The Eyes of SIN ... Man's Fractured Sight

Sin's Desire is that I GET INVOLVED in its PLAN!

(Prov 6:12) A naughty person, **a wicked man**, walks with a crooked mouth. **(13)** He winks with his eyes, he speaks with his feet, he teaches with his fingers;

Man's VISION about His own Sin is many times incorrect!

(Ps 36:1) Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in his heart; **there is no fear of God before his eyes.**

Sin can BLIND us to truth!

(1John 2:11) But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, **because the darkness has blinded his eyes.**

My Sin can TAKE OVER My heart and Life!

(2Pet 2:14) **They have eyes full** of adultery, insatiable for sin. **They entice** unsteady souls. **They have hearts trained** in greed. Accursed children! **(15)** Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved gain from wrongdoing, **(16)** but was rebuked for his own transgression; a speechless donkey spoke with human voice and restrained the prophet's madness.

Notes from Teaching: (Nathan's Description of ... "Man's sin")

2 Samuel 12:1-7 – Nathan's Rebuke of David!

1 And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor.

2 The **rich man** had very many flocks and herds,

3 but the **poor man** had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms,¹ and it was like a daughter to him.

4 Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him."

5 Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die,

6 and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

7 Nathan said to David, "You are the man!"

TRUTH: Many times we cannot see our own need for repentance!

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- What is God saying to you TODAY?
- Where is your focus, are your eyes seeing what is righteous or what is sin?