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WHAT IS SANCTIFICATION?

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Lesson Aim

Upon the completion of this lesson, you will have a clear understanding of the following specifics of sanctification:

1. Sanctification
2. Who should be sanctified
3. Why is sanctification necessary
4. What is the source of sanctification
5. How to be sanctified
6. The blessings resulting from sanctification

Study Scriptures

I Thessalonians 4:3, Hebrews 13:12, II Thessalonians 2:13, John 17:17, I John 1:7, Ephesians 5:26, I Thessalonians 4:4, Isaiah 1:16

Lesson Overview

The lesson will provide you with a Biblical definition and examples of sanctification.

Sanctification means to be consecrated or separated from common life or use and dedicated to the service of the Lord. In the Bible days, the altar was consecrated, the vessels, the tabernacle, and its' furnishings. Today the tabernacle is in us, and we are His vessels. Therefore it is essential that we be sanctified, set aside for his Holy use.

This lesson is designed for you to study the scriptures that will reinforce the fact that as a child of God, it is God's will that all saints be sanctified.

You will learn that sanctification is a necessary and continual process, which you must earnestly pursue. Additionally, you will learn some new habits that will be means to your sanctification

You will learn that saints are sanctified, and sanctification is for all saints. In other words, you can't be a saint unless you're sanctified.

As we stated previously, you must seek sanctification and it is a continual process in your life. However, sanctification is a provision God has made for us, and there are helps provided in our pursuit of sanctification. Those helps will be discussed in this lesson.

Lastly, we will study the scriptures that talk about the numerous blessings/promises toward the saints, those who are sanctified.



How To Be Sanctified

Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth. John 17:17. Once again, you are now a child of God and it is the will of God that you become sanctified as stated in I Thessalonians 4:3. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification.

Sanctification Means:

1. CLEANSING from sin and all defilement
2. SEPARATION from the world and its lust
3. SETTING ASIDE ourselves for God and His service

This is not only a definite and instantaneous work of Grace, but also a continual process necessary for our spiritual growth. These help in securing your sanctification.

GOD THE FATHER: Jude 1:1, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ.

CHRIST THE SON: Hebrews 13:12, Wherefore JESUS also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered without (outside the city) the gate.

THE HOLY SPIRIT: II Thessalonians 2:13, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

THE BLOOD: I John 1:7, the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

THE HOLY WORD: (BIBLE) Ephesians 5:26, That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the WORD.

What is required of you?

I Thessalonians 4:3, 4. For this is the will of God even your SANCTIFICATION. That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor. Isaiah 1:16, Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil.

SANCTIFICATION is something that we must pursue or seek earnestly if we are to obtain it. While it is God's work, we have our part in it; to make it the object of our earnest desire and pursuit.

We attain SANTIFICATION through presenting our members as servants (literally slaves) to righteousness and becoming ourselves bondservants unto Christ.

Sanctification & justification

Sanctification follows justification. In justification our sins are completely forgiven in Christ. Sanctification is the process by which the Holy Spirit makes us more like Christ in all that we do,



think and desire. True sanctification is impossible apart from the atoning work of Christ on the cross because only after our sins are forgiven can we begin to lead a holy life.

Die to self (flesh)

In sanctification God has to deal with us on the death side as well as on the life side. Sanctification requires our coming to the place of death, but many of us spend so much time there that we become morbid. There is always a tremendous battle before sanctification is realized – something within us pushing with resentment against the demands of Christ. When the Holy Spirit begins to show us what sanctification means, the struggle starts immediately. Jesus said —If anyone comes to Me and does not hate...his own life...he cannot be My disciple (Luke 14:26).

Strip down

In the process of sanctification, the Spirit of God will strip me down until there is nothing left but myself, and that is the place of death. Am I willing to be myself and nothing more? That is the condition required for sanctification. No wonder Jesus said, —I did not come to bring peace but a sword (Matthew 10:34). This is where the battle comes, and where so many of us falter. We refuse to be identified with the death of Jesus Christ on this point. We say, —But this is so strict. Surely He does not require that of me. Our Lord is strict, and He does require that of us

One with Christ

Am I willing to reduce myself down to simply —me? Am I determined enough to strip myself of all that my friends think of me, and all that I think of myself? Am I willing and determined to hand over my simple naked self to God? Once I am, He will immediately sanctify me completely, and my life will be free from being determined and persistent toward anything except God. (See I Thessalonians 5:23-24)

When you pray, —Lord show me what sanctification means for me? He will show you. It means being made one with Jesus. Sanctification is not something Jesus puts in me – it is Himself in me. (See I Corinthians 1:30).



