

SANCTIFICATION

Our sanctification is security to our eternal destiny.

KEY POINTS

- ❖ Sanctification: This word comes from the verb “to sanctify” which means to separate or set apart.
- ❖ Sanctification is how we are set apart from evil to God and usually relates to an act of God wherein God sets apart a person, place, time, or thing for his will and purpose. It is the process where God makes us holy as we pursue holiness.
- ❖ We see examples of this in the following scriptures: Genesis 2:3; Exodus 13:2, 29:44 and Numbers 7:1.
- ❖ An term sometimes used as a synonym for “sanctification” is “holiness”, which also refers to being set apart, consecrated or sacred.
- ❖ “Justification” comes through the atoning work of Jesus Christ and is accessed by faith.
- ❖ True faith propels us to go further in Christ: to repent, to be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus and to be filled with His Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38).
- ❖ Sanctification is an ongoing process. We will not be completely free from sin until we die or Jesus returns for His church. As long as we are in bodies of flesh, we need to be continually sanctified – holy unto the Lord.
- ❖ Our salvation process begins with faith: “...without faith it is impossible to please [God], for he who comes to God must believe that He is...” (Hebrews 11:6). We must believe and accept that on the cross Christ Jesus paid the price for our sins so every believer can be declared justified.
- ❖ Sanctification can be characterized into three aspects:
- ❖ **Past:** Refers to the point of conversion. We were sanctified – received right standing in Christ – only by the grace of God (1 Corinthians 1:2, 30).
- ❖ **Future:** Will occur when Christ returns for His church and our mortal bodies will be changed, transformed like His glorious body, to live with Him in eternity.
- ❖ But until then, as children of God, we live in the **Present** aspect of sanctification. The Holy Spirit continually leads and guides us into all truth, into the changes we need to make in our lives.
- ❖ Colossians 3:1a says we “were raised with Christ.” To be raised with Christ we must first ‘die’ and be ‘buried’ (i.e. repent and be baptized by immersion – see Matthew 3:16, Acts 8:38). Verse 1 continues: “...seek those things which are above...” (Col. 3:1b).
- ❖ *What things?* In Philippians 4:8 Paul gives the answer: “Finally, brethren, whatever things are true...noble... just...pure...lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.”
- ❖ *Set your mind on things above.* In order to do that, we must know what the Word of God says.
- ❖ Without the Word of God living in us, we will sin and think nothing of it. As children of God we must seek heavenly things and the many blessings that come with our redemption in Jesus Christ!

KEY SCRIPTURE: Colossians 3:1-17

- ❖ We have ‘crucified’ self; therefore, Christ should have control (Galatians 2:20). Our lives should be what God wants them to be. We belong to God, so our actions should reflect Christ.
- ❖ Colossians 3:5 lists some things we need to kill/ put to death: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness.
- ❖ Aside from these sensual sins, Paul goes on to say in verse 8, “But now...put off” Here, he is talking to the church in Colossae. This is not an evangelistic message to sinners, but to believers who have “put on Christ”.
- ❖ We may have taken things off, but some things remain and Paul lists some possibilities: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language, lying.
- ❖ But Paul doesn’t expect us to live “naked”. Verses 12-14 list some things we need to *put on*: compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering, tolerance for one another, forgiveness and – above all – love. And then, Let the peace of God rule in your hearts... Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teach...and admonish...one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, sing...with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him (Col. 3:15-17).
- ❖ We are being sanctified when we glorify God in our bodies by refusing to do what is wrong. The Holy Spirit will tell us when something is wrong and we need to listen and take heed.
- ❖ Sanctification is not an option. It is a necessity if we plan on making it to heaven. It should be a key word, a meditative word in our minds.
- ❖ Sanctification, or holiness, should be the lifestyle of each of us who are in Christ. As Christians, we must cooperate with the Holy Spirit within us. Fighting sin is a life-long endeavour – a reality for which every believer must be responsible.

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. In your walk with Christ, what have been the hardest things to i) put off and ii) put on?
2. In Genesis 39:6-9, Joseph tells Potiphar’s wife that doing what she desired him to do would be “sinning against God.” What did he mean?
3. Can you think of a similar situation that you have been in – at home/work/school, in society? What verses have helped you/could have helped you to overcome temptation?

PRAYER TIME

Lord, please help me to study Your Word and be sensitive to Your Spirit, so that I can live a life that is sanctified and holy. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Start-up: If it was socially acceptable to wear the same thing every day for as long as you wanted to, what would you most likely choose to wear?

WEEK OF SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020

NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week’s message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 💡 (New idea) 🧠 (Think about)

! (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ↔ (Must share)

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

Go deeper with your Life Group family.
CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE WORD
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**PRAYER FOCUS: Canadian political leaders: municipal,
provincial, federal**



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All His wondrous compassion and
purity
Oh, Thou Spirit divine
All my nature refine
Till the beauty of Jesus be seen in me

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- ii) type www.faithsanctuary.com/live
- iii) go to www.youtube.com and search for "Faith Sanctuary".
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FAITH FOUNDATIONS

GOD

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

GOD'S WORD

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

GOD'S CREATION

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

HUMANITY'S FALL

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

THE GOSPEL

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

OUR FAITH RESPONSE

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

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Pastor: Rev. Granville E. McKenzie

*"Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed... work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;¹³ for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure."
Philippians 2:12-13 NKJV*

SUNDAY SERVICES

Worship: 8:00 a.m. • 11:00 a.m. • 6:30 p.m.
Sunday School/Bible Study: 9:45 a.m.

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