

Sanctification

Introduction:

- A. People often excuse themselves when they sin by claiming, “I’m no saint.” Well, I am, and you had better be!
 - B. Our salvation depends on our sanctification. - 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14
 - C. What does the Bible teach about our sanctification?
- I. What is “sanctification”?
- A. Primarily, to “sanctify” is “to separate from the world and consecrate to God” (**International Standard Bible Encyclopedia**. 4:2682). - cf. Genesis 38:21-22; Hosea 4:14
 - 1. Old Testament
 - a. Israel - Exodus 19:3-6,14
 - b. the priests - Exodus 28:41
 - c. the temple - 2 Chronicles 7:1-2,16
 - 2. New Testament: the church - Ephesians 5:25-26; 1 Peter 2:5,9; Ephesians 2:21-22
 - B. Secondly, “sanctification” is “the course of life befitting those so separated” (W.E. Vine, **An Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words**. 3:317).
 - 1. All Christians are consecrated to God. - 1 Corinthians 1:2
 - 2. But if we belong to Him, our lives must reflect His character. - 1 Peter 1:15-16
- II. How are we sanctified?
- A. God’s Part
 - 1. God the Father - Jude 1; Ephesians 1:4
 - 2. Christ - 1 Corinthians 1:30; Hebrews 10:10; 13:12
 - 3. Holy Spirit - 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14
 - B. our part
 - 1. belief of the truth - Ibid
 - 2. washing of water - Ephesians 5:25-27
 - 3. holy lives - Romans 12:1-2; 2 Timothy 2:19-22
- III. What are the results of sanctification?
- A. salvation - 2 Thessalonians 2:13
 - B. an inheritance - Acts 20:32; Romans 6:22
- Conclusion:
- A. Without sanctification we cannot see God. - Hebrews 12:14
 - B. Are you sanctified?
 - 1. Have you believed and been baptized?
 - 2. Are you living a holy life?