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Sanctification Series - Part 2: The Importance of Sanctification

It is vitally important that every believer understand biblical sanctification. Today, we will learn the meaning of sanctification. We will discover that sanctification is an immediate and progressive work of God in our lives and why sanctification is essential.

1 What does biblical sanctification mean?

- 1.1 The Hebrew and Greek definitions for sanctification mean to be set apart (for God), to make holy, to consecrate (means dedicated to a sacred purpose), to make a thing the opposite of common. (From Complete Word Study Bible Dictionary, Strong's Dictionary, W.E. Vines)
- 1.2 A practical application of the meaning of sanctification is to grow spiritually so that: 1) the holiness of God in us will be expressed in our daily lives by our words and behavior, 2) to separate ourselves from the ungodly behavior and sin of the world to have intimacy with God (1 John 1:6-7), 3) and to dedicate ourselves to God's purpose.

2 Sanctification is both instant and progressive – 1 Thessalonians 5:23

- 2.1 The sanctification of the spirit takes place in the believer immediately when born again. The sanctification of the soul and body is a continual work of sanctification in the believer's life and is part of our spiritual growth.

3 Why is sanctification important?

- 3.1 Because sanctification makes you blameless before God – 1 Thessalonians 5:23

- 3.2 To create a life that pleases God - 1 Thessalonians 4:1-3

- 3.3 To create a life that glorifies God - Ephesians 5:26-27

- 3.4 To qualify for ministry - 2 Timothy 2:21

- 3.5 To enable you to avoid the snares of the devil – 2 Timothy 2:26

- 3.6 To remove all obstacles that hinder you from receiving the abundant life – Ephesians 4:27, John 10:10

Conclusion: Now that we know what sanctification means, that it is a continual work, and why it is important, we must also learn God's method for sanctifying us.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does biblical sanctification mean?
2. What aspect of your life does God desire to sanctify?
3. Why is sanctification important?