

Introduction

- I. God's purpose for His sovereign rule over our lives is not our happiness, but our holiness.
- II. In the context, Paul is addressing the world and life view of the church in Corinth.

Called to Spiritual Cleansing

I. **The Idea**

A. Sanctification is the work of God by His Spirit of making us holy.

B. The text calls us to personal, extensive purification of ourselves.

II. **The Goal** - the goal of this purification is perfecting holiness.

A. In this life, God is perfecting holiness in us. What a beautiful phrase this is!

B. Perfecting holiness is part of the outstanding, sovereign, gracious, saving work of Almighty God in our lives.

III. **The Motive** - the fear of God.

A. Fear of God does not mean that we dread God for we have promises from God.

B. What motivates us to purify ourselves is reverence and awe of God.