

I. YOUR BIBLE

A. SANCTIFICATION: MADE HOLY, SET APART (1Cor.7:14; Acts 13:2; 26:18; see Holy Spirit; Jn.14:26(17:11; Lk.1:35); Rom.15:16; 1Cor.6:11; 2Th.2:13; Heb.10:29; 1Pt.1:2; Eph.4:30)

B. HOLINESS: SET APART FROM & TO (see Heb.7:26)

1. *God: creation & Creator* (Gen.1:1; Col.1:16; sin & righteousness; Is.6:1f)

2. *Man: beast in field & image in garden* (Gen.1:26f; 2:8f,18f)

3. *Israel: Egypt & Canaan* (Ex.19:6; see 1Pt.2:9; world & church)

4. *Water: unclean-sin & clean-righteousness* (moral character /Lev.8:6f; Ps.51:2; Acts 22:16; 1Th.4:3-7)

5. *Oil: common life & special calling* (official service /Lv8:10; 1Sm16:13; Lk3:22; 4:18; Acts13:2; Ro1:1; 2Tm2:21)

C. NOT ASCETICISM: SET APART FROM GOOD (see 1Tm.4:3-5; Col.2:20f)

D. NOT UNHOLINESS: NOT SET APART FROM EVIL (2Cor.6:17)

II. YOUR BELIEF

A. WE ARE UNHOLY IN OUR UNION WITH SIN (Eph.2:1f; 1Tm.1:9; 2Tim.3:2; see Gen.3:24f)

B. CHRIST ALONE IS THE HOLY MAN WHO SANCTIFIES (Lk.1:35; Acts 2:27; 3:14; Heb.4:15; 7:26 w/2:11; see 10:10,14,29)

C. WE ARE BORN HOLY IN CHRIST BY THE HOLY SPIRIT (water, *begun*; 1Cor.1:30; 6:11; 12:13; Rom.6:3,4; Col.2:12,13; 3:9&10; see Jn.3:3,7; 1Pt.1:2,3,23)

D. WE GROW IN HOLINESS IN CHRIST BY THE HOLY SPIRIT (Rom.8:13; 15:16; 2Th.2:13; see Col.2:20&3:1; 3:5f&12f; “more and more”)

E. WE COMPLETE HOLINESS IN CHRIST BY THE HOLY SPIRIT (Heb.12:14,23; Phil.3:21; 1Th.5:23; 2Th.2:13)

F. JUSTIFICATION & SANCTIFICATION: RIGHTEOUSNESS IMPUTED & IMPARTED (root & fruit; objective & subjective; paid(off,up) & put(off,on); deposit & withdrawals; entrusted & enjoyed; passive & activated; see Rom.5:1&6:2f,19; Eph.2:5&Phil.2:12,13; 1Cor.1:30; 6:11)

G. SANCTIFIED BY GRACE, THROUGH FAITH, IN WORKS (Jn.15:1f; Acts 26:18; 1Cor.1:30; Eph.2:8-10; Gal.3:3f; 2Th.2:13; Phil.1:6; 2:12,13; Heb.12:23)

III. YOUR BEHAVIOR

A. BE HOLY AS YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN IS HOLY (1Pt.1:14-17; Is.6:1f; see Mt.6:9; Jn.17:11; see 1Tm.4:1f(false holiness); 2Cor.6:17(true unholiness))

B. BE SANCTIFIED IN CHRIST: BE SET APART FROM YOUR SIN & TO HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS! (Acts 26:18; 22:16; 1Cor.1:2; 12:13; Rom.6:3f; Col.2:12; 3:9,10)

C. STRIVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT TO GROW IN THIS DUAL SEPARATION (Rom.8:13; Eph.4:25f,30f; 5:1ff; see 6:10f; Col.3:5f&12ff; Rom.7:14f; Gal.5:16f(19f&22f); the war for holiness; 1Pt.5:8f)

D. BE NOURISHED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THIS GROWTH (Acts 2:42; see 2Tim.3:16(Gen.2:7) & 1Cor.12:13(Rom.6:3f); Jn.6:53f,63 (bread = set apart *to*; cup = set apart *from*) & Rom.8:26f & 1Cor.12:13f; see 1Tm.4:5)

E. BE EXERCISED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THIS GROWTH (Rm13:14f; 5:3-5; Jms1:2f; Heb12:10-14)

The Lord's Prayer (from Matthew 6:9-13)

Our Father who is in heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE, FAMILY & SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP

*Suggestions: Don't feel obliged to use every question or every part of every question. Go through and discuss those that are of greatest interest to you. Then consider going back and discussing those that may also be **useful**, including those that may have seemed a bit difficult. In all questions, keep the outline before to identify entries relevant to the question and to look up appropriate verses listed.*

1. What most surprised, puzzled or impressed you from this sermon?
2. What was most helpful? Why? How will you apply it in your daily life?
3. What Scripture references were most helpful and why?
4. What are the primary *doctrinal* points of this passage? Do you *believe* these things?
5. What are the primary *practical* points? Do you do *these* things?
6. What is the basic idea in sanctification? Which of the examples given is most forceful to you? Why?
7. Why is "holy" connected most especially to the third Person of the Trinity, the Spirit?
8. What is false holiness? What is true unholiness? Do you see any of these things in your life? How should you change?
9. Are we holy by nature? Why not? How not?
10. Who is the only truly holy man? Why is this significant for us?
11. How is sanctification begin, continue and finish?
12. What is the relationship between justification and sanctification? Which comes first logically? Which of the illustrations do you find most helpful? Why?
13. How are justification and sanctification similar?
14. Why should you be holy? How does holiness give evidence of our adoption?
15. How must you begin sanctification? How must you continue it? How will you complete it?
16. What means does the Holy Spirit use to sanctify us?

FURTHER: Discuss the *Larger Catechism* (incl. references) & consider memorizing *Shorter Catechism* on "Sanctification".

Larger Catechism - Q. 75. *What is sanctification?* A. Sanctification is a work of God's grace, whereby they whom God hath before the foundation of the world chosen to be holy, are in time through the powerful operation of his Spirit, applying the death and resurrection of Christ unto them, renewed in their whole man after the image of God; having the seeds of repentance unto life, and all other saving graces, put into their hearts, and those graces so stirred up, increased, and strengthened, as that they more and more die unto sin and rise unto newness of life. Eph. 1:4; 1 Cor. 6:11; 2 Thess. 2:13; Rom. 6:4-6; Eph. 4:23-24; Acts 11:18; 1 John 3:9; Jude 1:20; Heb. 6:11-12; Eph. 3:16-19; Col. 1:10-11; Rom. 6:4, 6, 14; Gal. 5:24. **See also Q.76-78**

Shorter Catechism Q. 32 Q. 35. *What is sanctification?* A. Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness. 2 Thess. 2:13; Eph. 4:23-24; Rom. 6:4, 6; Rom. 8:1. **See also O.35,36**

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