

What is Sanctification? Lesson 3 – The Extent of Sanctification and Motives for Obedience

Introduction:

- God and man _____ together in the process of sanctification.
- 1. Sanctification doesn't just affect our spirit, but affects our _____ person.
- God desires to sanctify _____ of who we are, not just part of us.

A. Sanctification affects our _____ and _____.

***Col 1.10** so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and **increasing in the knowledge** of God.*

***1 Cor 1.5** that in every way you were in **enriched in him** in all speech and **all knowledge**.*

***2 Cor 8.7** But as you **excel in everything**—in faith, in speech, in **knowledge**, in all earnestness and in our love for you — see that you excel in this act of grace also.*

***2 Pet 1.5** For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with **knowledge**, and knowledge with self-control..*

- God gave us minds with a strong capacity to learn and gain knowledge, so that we might grow in the knowledge of the _____ about Him

B. Sanctification affects our _____ and _____.

- God created us with emotions and feelings and desires, so that we would have strong feelings and desires for _____.
- The most important quality that distinguishes us as Christians is _____.

***John 13.35** By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you **have love** for one another.”*

***Gal 5.22-23** But the fruit of the Spirit is **love**, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control, against such things there is no law.*

***1 John 4.7–8** Beloved, **let us love** one another, for **love is from God**, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because **God is love**.*

1 Jn 3.14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, **because we love the brothers**. Whoever does not love abides in death.

- When we are sanctified we also experience the _____ of the Lord.

Gal 5.22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, **joy**, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control, against such things there is no law.

1 Thess 1.6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the **joy of the Holy Spirit**.

Jn 15.11 These things I have spoken to you, that **my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full**.

- Through sanctification, God works to purify us of sinful emotions such as _____, along with all other sinful desires of the _____.

James 1.19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, **slow to anger**; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

Eph 4.31 Let all bitterness and **wrath and anger** and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

Gal 5.16–17a But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the **desires of the flesh**. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh,

C. Sanctification affects our _____.

- God's Spirit works to change the _____ we make so that we will do His will.

Phil 2.13 for it is God who works in you, both to **will** and to work for **his good pleasure**.

D. Sanctification affects what we do with our _____.

2 Cor 7.1 Since we have these promises, let us **cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit**, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

1 Cor 6:18 Flee sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person **sins against his own body**.

Rom 8.29a For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be **conformed to the image of his Son**

Phil 3.20-21 *But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will **transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body***

2. There are many things that should _____ us to obey God.

A. We obey God because we desire to _____ Him.

- It seems only natural that we would want to please the One who has _____ us with so much!

Jn 14.15 *If you love me, you will keep my commandments.*

Jn 14.21 *Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me.*

1 Jn 5.3 *For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments.*

B. We obey God because we need to keep a clear _____ before God.

- As children of a holy God, our consciences should be _____ to sin.

Rom 13.5 *Therefore one must **be in subjection**, not only to avoid God's wrath, but also for the **sake of conscience**.*

1 Tim 1.5 *The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and **a good conscience** and a sincere faith.*

C. We obey God because of we desire to _____ to God.

2 Tim 2.21 *Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a **vessel for honorable use**, set apart as holy, **useful to the master** of the house, ready for every good work.*

Titus 3.1 *Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be **ready for every good work**,*

- Studying the Word of God _____ us and makes us more useful to God.

2 Tim 3.16-17 *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, **17 that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.***

2 Tim 2.15 *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a **worker** who has no need to be ashamed, **rightly handling the word of truth.***

D. We obey God so that _____ would see our good works and glorify God.

- Our desire should be that unbelievers would _____ on Christ because of our godly example of obedience.

Matt 5.14–16 *You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may **see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.***

- Our greatest desire should be that God is _____ when others see our lives.

E. We obey God so that we will be _____ in this life.

Mark 10.29–30 *Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, 30 who will not receive a hundredfold **now in this time**, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.*

1 Pet 3.9-11 *for to this you were called, **that you may obtain a blessing.** 10 For whoever desires to love life and **see good days**, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; 11 let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it.*

- Following the God’s commands will bring _____!

Matt 5.6 *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be **satisfied.***

1 Jn 5.3 *For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. **And his commandments are not burdensome.***

F. We obey God because He promises Heavenly _____.

Matt 5.12 *Rejoice and be glad, for **your reward is great in heaven**, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

Matt 6.19-21 *Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. 20 but lay up for yourselves **treasures in heaven**, where neither moth or rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.*

1 Jn 1.8 *Watch yourselves so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but that you may **win a full reward.***

- We should obey the Lord **NOW** with the expectation of rewards to be given _____.

Mt 25.23 His master said to him, **“Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.**

G. We obey God because we _____ Him.

- This does not mean that we live in a constant state of terror like the unbeliever, but that we have _____ and _____ for God.

2 Cor 7.1 Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing **holiness** to completion **in the fear of God.**

Phil 2.12 Therefore, my brethren, **as you have always obeyed**, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation **with fear and trembling.**

1 Tim 5.20 As for those who **persist in sin**, rebuke them in the presence of all, so that the rest may **stand in fear.**

1 Pet 1.17 And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, **conduct yourselves with fear** throughout the time of your exile.

H. We obey God because we desire a deeper _____ with Him.

- When we sin, we break our _____ with God.

1 Jn 1.6-7 If we say that we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. **7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 Jn 1.9 If we confess our sin, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 Jn 3.21-22 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, **we have confidence before God**; and whatever we ask we receive from him, **because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.**

H. We obey God because we desire the _____ of God.

- Whenever we are sinning, there is _____ in our hearts.

Phil 4.7 And the **peace of God**, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Phil 4.9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me – **practice these things**, and the **God of peace** will be with you.

Col 3.15 *And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.*

I. We obey God because we _____ in doing what is right.

- As new creations, we _____ because God is righteous.

Psa 40.8 *I delight to do your will, o my God; your law is within my heart.*

Psa 119.16 *I will **delight** in your statutes; I will not forget your word.*

Psa 119.24 *Your testimonies are my **delight**; they are my counselors.*

Psa 119.97 *Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.*

Rom 14.17 *For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of **righteousness** and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

Phil 4.8 *Finally, brothers, whatever is **true**, whatever is **honorable**, **whatever is just**, whatever is **pure**, whatever is **lovely**, whatever is **commendable**, if there is any **excellence**, if there is anything **worthy of praise**, **think about these things**.*

J. We obey God because He brings us true _____.

Heb 12.1–2 *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also **lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely**, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who **for the joy that was set before him** endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

James 1.2-3 *Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the **testing of your faith** produces steadfastness.*

Psa 16.11 *You made known to me the path of life; **in your presence there is fullness of joy**.*

Rom 14.17 *For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of **righteousness** and peace and **joy** in the Holy Spirit.*

John 15.11 *These things I have spoken to you, **that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full**.*

Conclusion:

- **Just like our salvation, our sanctification is a great _____ from God.**
- **Sanctification is God making us more like _____, both inwardly and outwardly.**
- **Because of all that God has done for us in Christ, we have been given every reason to obey God with _____ and joy.**