



HIS WORD SANCTIFIES

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Hello and welcome everyone to yet another time to share God's word. I pray that we'll be blessed today

His Word Sanctifies

Jesus, before He left the earth prayed not only for His disciples but also for as many as would later believe, that they be set apart from the rest of the world. He wanted a people or kingdom that would act in accordance with all that He desires (Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven)

How then did Jesus intend for this to take place? Let's go through God's word together to gain insight and understanding

John 17:17

Easy English: *Make them separate for yourself by your words, which are true*

KJV: *Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*

Living Bible: *Make them pure and holy through teaching them your words of truth.*

Message: *Make them holy-consecrated-with the truth; Your word is consecrating truth.*

I've put all of these translations to aid us tonight.

Let's go on a little trip way back to Egypt... The Children of Israel were stuck in Egypt as slaves and it looked to them as if there was no hope... However God raised Moses to carry out His desire of bringing and setting apart the Children of Israel unto Himself (Exodus 5:1).

They got out and were on a journey to the Promised Land and since they would have to interact with other people who had no regard or respect for God, there was a need for them to be set apart and different from all. God gave His words on how they should act (Commandments) and gave further directives on actions to be taken.

Exodus 29:1

*This is what you are to do to them in order to **consecrate them to serve me as priests**: Take a young bull, two rams without blemish*

So we can see that God who is holy requires such for all who would come to Him. Now that we have established the fact that Sanctification is a core part of God's agenda for man, what then does it mean?

Please follow me

Salvation is in 3 phases

Instant Salvation: Regeneration that occurs at the point when a man surrenders his life to Christ

Gradual Salvation: This is the stage that we as believers here on Earth will continue to be in...This is where Sanctification comes in. It simply means being set apart, to be pure and holy. The Holy Spirit in us helps to accomplish this

Ultimate Salvation: This is when we would be made perfect and it would occur when a believer dies or is raptured.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

May the God of peace himself make you holy in every way. And may your whole being—spirit, soul, and body—remain blameless when our Lord Jesus, the Messiah, appears.

Sanctification is continuous in nature. Pastor Gideon said in his teaching "*Truth is the knowledge that gives you freedom*". Christ intended that we be set apart (consecrated, sanctified, made pure and holy) by hearing His word which is the truth that we need in order to live right here on Earth.

We've studied right here on this platform about the efficacy of the word which we cannot deny the power therein.

Hebrews 4:12

*For whatever God says to us is full of **living power**: it is sharper than the sharpest dagger, cutting swift and deep into our innermost thoughts and desires with all their parts, exposing us for what we really are.*

John 15:3

You are already clean because of what I've spoken to you.

So we know that both the written word and the words which are spoken by God through His Spirit are Living and Active. The spirit of God that reveals the mind of Christ to us also brings forth LIFE in the written word... Therefore, if you allow the spirit to show you the life inherent in the word, you'll be able to examine your life to see if you're still in alignment with God's will for your life.

So as believers, we are not just living anyhow we like, we belong to a Kingdom that has values which we must accurately represent. Light shines so bright and cannot be mistaken for something else because of the effect of its presence.

The Word of God sanctifies us as we;

- 1.) Study it
- 2.) Meditate on it
- 3.) Allow the Holy Spirit to interpret it to us
- 4.) Apply it

As we daily appropriate God's word we are sanctified by it. We are set apart for God and changed in the way we live so that we can adequately represent the values of the Kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 2:11

Is there anyone who can understand his own thoughts except his own inner spirit? In the same way, no one can know the thoughts of God except God's Spirit

You can't know God's will devoid of His word which the Spirit brings to Life in us

The Holy Spirit takes the word and reveals God's will for our lives. We grow in His grace through the Knowledge of His truth. So, as we yield ourselves in obedience to His truth we are sanctified by the Truth.

However, times can come when we fall short and so The Holy Spirit helps us to be aware of our wrongdoings or inadequacies, to confess them and repent of them

1 John 1:9

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

Look at it this way, after you have your bath and you get your hands dirty you don't need to bathe again; you simply need to wash your hands... We have given our lives to Christ but when we do sin we simply ask for God's forgiveness and allow the Holy Spirit to work on us

So, the word of God which is living is able to set us apart for God. God's purpose is for the Christian to live separated lives in purity of mind and body.

As we round up, let me state a fact about the importance of Sanctification.

John 17:19

On behalf of them, I make myself separate, so that I obey only you. So then they can become separate for you also, by what is true.

Jesus was already set apart to God and was sinless. He however saw the need to consecrate himself so that 'We' (Present and Future believers) may be truly sanctified in the truth

As we make ourselves available to the Holy Spirit we are gradually being changed from the inside out. The Word of God has the power in the heart of a man who has laid down all and has subjected himself to the control of God's Spirit to displace sin and replace in its place the righteousness of God.

A holy life demonstrates God's supernatural power at work in a believer's life. A holy walk with God involves a right relationship with God. Both are dependent on The Word because we know that the Truth is communicated in the Word.

Brothers and Sisters, there is a need to comprehend the truth in the Word of God and to obey it.

Why don't you ask God now for Grace to help you?

Ask that your life will be an evidence of the word of God

Ask that you would be set apart for God's own special use

Ask that all areas of your life will fully reflect the mind of God.

Lord God, we ask that Your word becomes living and active in our lives by Your Spirit. Sanctify us for your use oh God and help us to stay with You.

In Jesus' Name. Amen

Thank you for being present.

God bless you

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