

# Sanctification

## Homework Assignment

1. Read **I Thessalonians 4:1-12**
2. Read **II Timothy 2:15-26**

## Lesson Outline

### I. Sanctification – Two Senses

- i. Set apart, especially for God's use or glory
  1. Sabbath – **Genesis 2:3**
  2. Tabernacle – **Numbers 7:1**
- ii. To make morally perfect and holy
  1. The Body
    - a. **I Thessalonians 4:3-4**
    - b. **II Corinthians 7:1**
    - c. **II Corinthians 13:9**
  2. It is this sense we are concerned with

### II. Sanctification – It's Beginning and End

- i. None Before Salvation
  1. Heart of man is corrupt – **Jeremiah 17:9**
  2. All actions begin in the heart – **Mathew 15:18-20**
- ii. Regeneration – The Beginning
  1. A new created heart – **Ezekiel 36:24-27**
  2. Babies in Christ – **I Corinthians 3:1-3**
- iii. Perfection – The End
  1. **Ephesians 4:11-13**
  2. **Matthew 5:48**

### III. What is Sanctification:

- i. The Crucifixion of Sin
  1. Mortify (kill) the deeds of the body – **Romans 8:13**
  2. Self-denial – **Matthew 16:24**
  3. Every sin – no partiality
  4. "our inward enemies, the sins of the heart, must be dragged forth from their lurking-places and slain before the Lord."
  5. Jesus' teaching about sin – **Matthew 5:29-30**

ii. The Growth of Christian Graces

1. Faith, hope & love – **I Corinthians 13:13**
  - a. Faith grows – **II Thessalonians 1:3**
  - b. Hope increases – **Romans 15:13**
  - c. Love increases and abounds – **I Thessalonians 3:12**
2. This leads to sanctification
  - a. Faith – **Acts 26:18**
  - b. Hope – **I John 3:3**
  - c. Love – **I Thessalonians 3:12-13**

iii. Conforming Your Will to God's Will

1. Thy will be done – **Matthew 6:10**
2. In every state....to be content – **Philippians 4:11**
3. All things work together for good – **Romans 8:28**

IV. How Do We Become Sanctified?

i. Eat The Right Food

1. Milk first – **I Peter 2:2 & I Corinthians 3:1-2**
2. Meat later – **Hebrews 5:12-14**

ii. Exercise

1. Exercise thyself unto Godliness – **I Timothy 4:7-8**

iii. Development and Strength

1. **Ephesians 4:11-15 & II Peter 3:18** (Grow → Gradual)

V. Are You Getting Better?

i. A Deep Sense of Unworthiness

1. True piety exalts God and humbles man
2. Job – **Job 38:1-2; 40:4; 42:5-6**
3. Isaiah – **Isaiah 6:3-5**
4. Paul (2 years before his death) - **Ephesians 3:8**

ii. An Increasing Hatred of Sin

1. **Romans 7:13**
2. "Hatred and love necessarily coexist, and they are exactly equal in strength. The Christian hates sin as much as he loves holiness, and no more."

iii. A Growing Interest in the Means of Grace

1. Greater appreciation for the Word of God
  - a. Instrument of sanctification – **John 17:17**
  - b. Desire – **I Peter 2:2**

- c. Delight – **Psalms 1:2**
  - d. Precious and sweet – **Psalms 19:8 & 10**
- 2. More attention given to prayer
  - a. communion with God directly
- iv. An Increasing Love of Things Heavenly
  - 1. **Colossians 3:1-4**
  - 2. Your Savior is there
  - 3. Your citizenship is there
  - 4. Your home is there
  - 5. **Hebrews 11:10**