

# Sanctified and Being Sanctified

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Isaiah 13:1-19; Ephesians 1:1-11

## Together in 2023

- Reasons why Christians **must** grow.
  - ① It glorifies God.
  - ② It provides evidence that one is genuinely saved.
  - ③ It makes known the truth of God to others.
  - ④ It causes growth in the Church, the “Body of Christ.”
  - ⑤ It is an example to others.
  - ⑥ It equips believers to do the good work for which they have been saved. (Eph2:10; 2 Tim 3:17)
- Catechism and Meditation
  - “For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”
  - The Disciple Challenge and the Easy



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## Eternal Purpose of God

From all eternity God purposed to gather to Himself a special people from every nation, tribe, peoples, and tongue, re-created in His image, purchased by the blood of His own Son, who would treasure, glorify, praise, worship and enjoy Him for His infinite worth and beauty for all eternity for His own

**Everlasting Covenant** - God's Plan of Sanctifying His People (Jeremiah 31:31-34; 32:36-41; Hebrews 8:10-12; 10:16-17)

- ❶ **“I WILL PUT MY LAW IN THEIR MINDS”** God gives us understanding (1 John 5:20). God gives us the mind of Christ (1 Cor 2:16). God gives us submission! (Romans 8:7). See Eph. 4:18; 5:8; 1 Cor. 2:14; Rom. 12:2)
- ❷ **“I WILL WRITE MY LAW ON THEIR HEARTS”** - God causes us to love His Law. And to do those things that please Him. (1 John 5:2-3; Psalm 19:7-11; 119:45, 47-48, 103-104, 127-128, 140; Romans 7:12,22)
- ❸ **“I WILL BE TO THEM GOD”** Meditate on this! The God of the UNIVERSE is OUR God!
- ❹ **“I WILL MAKE THEM MY PEOPLE!”** We do not choose God; God chooses us! Christ died to make us God's **peculiar** (special) people. (1 Peter 2:9; Titus 2:14; John 15:16)

⑥ **“I WILL CAUSE THEM TO KNOW ME.”**

★ **THIS IS ETERNAL LIFE – TO KNOW GOD.** (John 17:3)

⑥ **“I WILL BE MERCIFUL”** (1 John 4:10-11; Romans 3:24-26)

⑦ **“I WILL REMEMBER THEIR SINS NO MORE”** – THIS IS PARDON OF SINS- NOT JUST SIMPLE FORGIVENESS! ( Psalm 103:12; Isaiah 38:17; 43:25; 44:22; Micah 7:19)

## **Terms to Understanding Glorious Gospel**

- Creator/Lord
- Sovereignty
- Election
- Providence
- Covenant

★ The glorious Gospel is ALL about GOD. “Salvation is of the LORD.”

## **Predestined to Be Holy** (Romans 8:29)

- In eternity “past” God predetermined that every person He chose would be conformed into the image of His Son. (Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18)
- GOD does this by working in each and every person He saves to will and do for His good pleasure. (Philippians 2:12-13; 2 Chron 30:12; 2 Cor 3:5)
- GOD does it! (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

## **Chosen/Called to Be Holy** (Ephesians 1:3-4)

- HOLINESS: Contrast holiness with sin.
- It is God’s will that His people be holy and pursue holiness (1 Thess 4:7)
- The difficult path that leads to life (Matthew 7:13-14)
  - ★ Highway of Holiness (Isaiah 35:8-10)
  - ★ A path to walk in. (Jeremiah 6:16-17; )
  - ★ A path that leads to life, fulness of joy, pleasures forevermore. (Psalm 16:11)
  - ★ (Psalm 119:35) Make me walk in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.
  - ★ (Psalm 119:105) Your Word is a lamp . . . (Psalm 89:15)
  - ★ (Proverbs 4:18) A path that shines like the sun and shines ever brighter unto to the perfect day.
  - ★ The path of righteousness. (Psalm 23:3; 85:13; Prov 2:9, 20; 8:20; 12:28)
- **WALK:** God has His ways (Psalm 81:13; 84:11; 119:1-3; 128:1)
  - ★ (Micah 6:8) What does the LORD require? To walk humble with God.
  - ★ (Amos 3:3) Can two walk together, unless they agree?
  - ★ (Ephesians 5:1) Imitate God. (See 1 Peter 1:15-16)
  - ★ (1 John 2:6) Walk just as Christ walked.
- Walking is something we do deliberately.
  - Walking is something first learned and then done without much effort.
  - Walking signifies that there is a goal.

- ▶ Walking signifies a direction toward the goal.
- ▶ Walking signifies progress toward the goal.
- ▶ Walking ceases when the journey to the goal is finished.
- (1 John 2:6) We are commanded/obligated to walk **just as** Christ walked.
  - ▶ Christ walked **doing** the Father's will. (John 4:34; 5:30; Matt 7:21; 1 John 2:17)
  - ▶ Christ walked in obedience to the Father's commandments. (**John 15:10**; 14:15, 21; 1 John 2:3-4)

## Doctrine of Sanctification

- Definition
  - ▶ To separate/set apart from the world for sacred use. (Jude 1; Psa 4:3)
  - ▶ Cleansing for sacred use (Titus 2:11-14; 2 Tim 2:21; Eph 2:10; Heb 9:14)
  - ▶ Adorning/equipping for sacred use. (Eph 1:6; 2 Peter 1:4; Isa 61:10)
- Every Lord's Supper we remind ourselves of God's grace.
 

**1 Thessalonians 5:23-24**
- Sanctification is DONE and HAPPENING! (Heb 2:11; 10:10, 14; 2 Cor 3:18)
- The Triune God: Father, Son, Holy Spirit
  - ▶ Father: Author of Our Sanctification
    - Electing us unto salvation (Eph 1:3-4; 1 Thess 5:9; Acts 13:48)
  - ▶ Son: Procurer of Our Sanctification
    - Paying the price and procuring a standing before the Holy God.
    - Hebrews 13:12; **10:10**, 14; John 17:19
  - ▶ Spirit: Securer of Our Sanctification
    - Applying God's desires and the works of Christ to God's elect.
    - 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; 1 Peter 1:2

## Learning the Doctrine for Sanctification from Isaiah 13

- This is one of **many** passages that ought to cause **all** men to **fear** ("to take seriously") God. **Consider:** v. 11; 14:24-27.
- (Isaiah 1:1) - Almost 60 years of ministry – 740-680 B.C – Kings Uzziah to Hezekiah.
  - ★ **NOTE:** Assyria is the world power. And, yet, God speaks for the Medes/Persian empire even before Babylon became the world power!!!!
  - MEDITATE: Acts 15:18
- (v. 1) "burden" something that is very heavy. A **decree** or **proclamation** of God.
  - ★ "against Babylon" - NOT even a power to be dealt with!
- (vv. 2-3) NOTE the first person pronouns and verbs (prophetic past tense).
- (vv. 2-5) Assemble/gather an **army** to Himself.
  - "I **commanded**" – NOT PERMIT! (Lamentation 3:37-38)
  - "I **called**" – God is NOT calling for volunteers! This is an **effectual** call! (Isaiah 5:26; 7:18)

- “**MY SANCTIFIED** ones” – Who are these?
  - ★ (v. 17) **THE MEDES!**
- **MY** mighty ones **MY anger**” – note the ownership.
- “**The LORD** of hosts musters” His army.
- “**His weapons of indignation to destroy . . .**”
  - ★ Medes equipped: Jeremiah 51:20-23; Isaiah 44:28; Isaiah 45
  - ★ Assyrians equipped: Isaiah 10:5-15; 37:26-27.
  - ★ Babylonians equipped: Ezekiel 30:20-26
  - ★ All equipped to DO what God *sanctified* them to do!
- (vv. 6-10) Destruction from the Almighty (Shaddai).
- The sanctification of the Medes: (Remember Romans 15:4)
  - ① Chosen by God. (Before they even existed)
  - ② Called by God. (Raised up and moved by God)
  - ③ Set apart for God’s specific purpose.
  - ④ Equipped by God to accomplish HIS purpose!

## Necessity of Sanctification - HOLINESS

- The pursuit of it (Hebrews 12:14; Matthew 5:8; 1 Peter 1:15-16)
- Though God sanctified us, Christ purchasing our sanctification by His blood, and the Holy Spirit securing our sanctification God created us as accountable/responsible beings. **It is God’s will that we be HOLY!**
- Our obedience in the pursuit of holiness is evidence that God is at work in us.

## Purpose of Sanctification

- Fulfill God’s Purpose.
- Conform us to the Image of Christ (Romans 8:29)
- Fit us for fellowship and use by the Father.
- Prepare us for heaven.

## Evidence of the Grace of Sanctification

- (1 John 3:3) The purifying of oneself as He is pure.
- (2 Corinthians 7:1) Examining and cleansing oneself of all filthiness of the flesh and spirit in the fear of God unto perfect holiness.
- (James 4:7-8) Drawing near to God, cleansing our “hands” and purifying our hearts.
- (Eph 2:10; 4:16; Titus 2:14; Heb 10:24) We are **servng** the Body of Christ.
- ★ (1 Thessalonians 5:23-25) **THIS IS A WORK OF GOD IN ALL THAT HE GATHERS TO HIMSELF.**
  - It is a work on our bodies, souls, and spirits - our **WHOLE** being.
  - It is a work started by and completed by **GOD**. (Philippians 1:6)