**Living for God and finding Joy in Serving Jesus!**

**God is calling us to Separate to Him.**

**Old Testament Saints**

Set apart your heart towards the Lord.

* Isa 8:13 “Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.

Set apart First Born Child for the Lord!

* Exo 13:2 “ Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine.

Set apart God’s people

* Joe 2:16 “Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.

**New Testament Saints**

Set apart unto Salvation by the cross

* Hebrews 13:12 “Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

Set apart for the Gospel Truths of God’s Word

* John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Set apart completely to work God has for us!

* 1 Thess. 5:23 “And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**What is sanctification? - It is not isolation from the world, but rather not participation of the world!**

**God calling upon man to walk with Him!**

* Genesis 1 – God called out Adam – changed him to Man.
* Genesis 12- God called out Abram – changed him to Abraham.
* God chosen 12 - John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

God is working in us to do His good will.

* God already knows what you are to do. - Eph 2:10
* He gives us a new Nature 2 Cor. 5:7

God is calling us to be different.

* God is changing us away from the World to Himself – 2 Cor. 6:14
* He gives us a New Purpose. To shine- Phil. 2:15

God’s People Taken Separation seriously.

* Nehemiah 13:1-3

God warns us from acting foolish and living not sanctified.

* Leviticus 26:21 “And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins.

**God rewarding those that walk sanctified lives unto the Lord.**

* Psalms 18:24 “Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.
* Boaz towards Ruth Faith in God -Ruth 2:12 “The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.

God Is Holy and calls us to decide to be holy with His Help!

* 1Peter 1:15-16 “But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.