

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

SANCTIFICATION – Part 1

John 17:13-21 KJV And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. (14) I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. (15) I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. (16) They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. (17) Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. (18) As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. (19) And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. (20) Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; (21) That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

To sanctify:

- to separate
- to make holy
- to set apart to some appropriate use

SANCTIFICATION:

- the PROCESS of making or declaring something holy.
- is the process whereby the Spirit makes our union with Christ in His death and resurrection increasingly real and obvious in our lives.

➤ **WHEN A PERSON IS DRAFTED OR ENLISTED IN THE MILITARY THERE IS A PROCESS OF SANCTIFICATION INITIATED TO MAKE THEM EFFECTIVE, PRODUCTIVE AND MOTIVATED SOLDIERS.**

- They are sent to boot camp.
 - They are given military approved clothing.
 - They are given military manuals with rules, regulations, and procedures.
 - They receive combat gear and weapons.
 - They receive combat and survival training.
 - They are given a rank.
 - They are provided with meals and housing.
 - They are trained to think, act, and respond as soldiers.
 - They are separated from civilian populations for sanctification for service, then returned to civilian populations for service.
- According to this scripture Jesus is praying for the disciples because:
 - They will be in the world.
 - Kosmos – inhabitants of the earth; the heathen world
 - They will be hated by the world.
 - miseō - to be greatly disliked; to detest; to persecute

- They will be exposed to the evil of the world.
 - ponēros - evil One or evil; hurtful; wicked or wickedness
 - in effect or influence
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- They are not of the world.
 - Don't belong to the evil One.
 - Don't have the same sentiment.
 - Don't agree with the world's ideology.
- They are sent into the world.
 - apostellō - set apart; to send out on a mission

SANCTIFICATION REQUIRES:

- Revelation
 - The LORD has to open our eyes to see the difference between this world of sin and the world of light.
- Education
 - The word of GOD must inform us of the truth and its power to deliver us from the power of sin.
- Dedication
 - The Spirit of GOD must continually empower us to diligently resist the temptations and influence of the sin.

SANCTIFICATION LEADS TO TRANSFORMATION:

- Of the mind – the way of thinking.
 - **1 Corinthians 2:16 KJV** For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.
- Of the heart – the things loved.
 - **1 John 2:15-17 KJV** Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (16) For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. (17) And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.
- Of the spirit – the desire to fellowship.
 - **1 John 1:3 KJV** That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.