
Be Sanctified Completely

1 Thessalonians Wrap-Up

Today's Roadmap

- What does it mean to be sanctified?
 - Sanctified inner life
 - Sanctified external life
 - Sanctified love
 - Communion and response
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23 Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

What is sanctification?

- Sanctified means “to be made holy”
- If we are called to be sanctified completely, does that mean we earn our salvation? Do we earn God’s love?

Mercy is when we *don't* get what we *do*
deserve.

Grace is when we *do* get what we *don't*
deserve.

Sanctified Inner Life

- Throughout church history, two main ideas:
 - Sacraments
 - Spiritual Disciplines
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Sanctified Inner Life

- The spiritual disciplines are the intersection of man's free will and God's transforming power

Sanctified Inner Life

- Examples of the spiritual disciplines:
 - Scripture reading
 - Intercession
 - Listening/contemplative prayer
 - Fasting
 - Worship
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Sanctified Outer Life

- What does an average day look like for you?
 - What would that day look like if the peace of God invaded every part of that day?
 - And how might your attitude change if you thought of each part of your day as worship unto the Lord?
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Sanctified Love

- People are the most valuable in the kingdom of God
- What would it look like if our love was “sanctified completely”?

4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Sanctified Love

- Know the love of God towards YOU
 - Forgive as we have been forgiven
 - See others as inherently valuable and worth loving, regardless of their sin or how they have harmed you
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Sanctified Love

- Trust God to be others' shepherd, don't feel the need to control them.
“Love like Jesus, don't try to be the Holy Spirit”
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Sanctified Love

- When speaking a corrective word, do not do it out of emotion or hurt, but out of love and desiring their best
 - Believe in others!
 - Rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn
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Practicals and Takeaways

- Practice the spiritual disciplines in your life
 - Abide in Jesus not only in the secret place, but throughout your day
 - Know the love of God for yourself, and express it to others
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Response

- God, what is one way you want to sanctify my love this week?