

## Jehovah Mekoddishkem - The LORD who Sanctifies

**Exodus 31:12-13 ESV** - And the Lord said to Moses, "You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, "Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the Lord, sanctify you.

**Introduction:** What is sanctification?

**To Be \_\_\_\_\_ . (Set Apart)**

GOD is the *ONE* who sanctifies.

The grace to seek us out and make it possible for us to be *HOLY*.

**1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (ESV)** - 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. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

- We consecrate ourselves to God.

### The Pursuit of Holiness

**1 Peter 1:14-16 (ESV)** - As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "*You shall be holy, for I am holy.*"

## Colossians 3:1-15 (ESV)

\_\_\_\_\_ the things \_\_\_\_\_. (*Seek the things Above*)

**VS:1-4** - If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ Identity. (*Put to death your old identity*)

**VS:5-11** - Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

\_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ Identity. (*Put on your new identity*)

**VS:12-15** - Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

### CONCLUSION

- The Pursuit of Holiness is the Pursuit of Jesus
- "*You have as much holiness as you have of Christ.*" - Andrew Murray
- Being Sanctified is a process - just because you have taken steps towards Jesus, take more steps towards him...This is a steady walk in the same direction.
- Are you listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit?

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. Identify which scripture passage you will read two or three times this week. Share it with your family or close friend later this week.
2. How do you regularly remember what God has done in extending His grace to you, in sanctifying you?
3. What does 'seek things above' mean to you? How do you experience that on a daily basis?
4. In what ways does your 'old' identity challenge you? How does remembering who God is impact what you believe about who you are becoming?
5. How will you pursue Jesus this week? How will you encourage your family and close friends to pursue Jesus?