

# Bethel Bible Series

## Sanctification

### New Testament Week 19

Welcome & Announcements

Opening - Why is it important to recognize and react to false teachings?

Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

## Review of Last Week - *False Teaching*

Backgrounds of Remaining New Testament Letters

Philippians

By Paul (with Timothy) in prison (first time) to the church in Philippi  
Philippians sent gifts via Epaphroditus to Paul, Paul sent thanks back

Colossians

By Paul (with Timothy) in prison (first) to the church in Colosse  
Paul updated on Colossian church via Epaphras, Letter sent via Tychicus

Philemon

By Paul (with Timothy) in prison (first) to Philemon & church in house  
Onesimus, Philemon's slave, escaped & found Paul in Rome; Paul returned Onesimus

James

James - Brother of Jesus; Overseer of Judean church  
Written to scattered Christian Jews around 60 AD; Filled with guidance

2 Peter

By Simon Peter (in prison, near execution) to Christians in Asia Minor  
Letter written to warn against false prophets and teachers

1 John

A tract by John to warn Christians against false doctrines (around 90 AD)

2 John

By John to an unnamed church warning of deceivers; Fit sheet of papyrus

3 John

John commended Gaius for his work for the church; One sheet of papyrus

Jude

By Jude, brother of Jesus & James, to Christians in Asia Minor  
Written to urge faithfulness despite false teachings

Gnosticism

Dualism - Spirit (good) and Body (evil) are two separate entities

Universe was created by an inferior being (the Old Testament Creator)

A spark of God exists in all living human bodies (spirit)

Hierarchy of angel intermediaries provides God/man interface

Since flesh is evil, man's spirit is suffocated from true spiritual values

The spirit must be "awakened" by a special knowledge (*gnosis*)

Asceticism - Subdue the flesh by self-denial, punishment and law-keeping

Sensuality - The body's evil can't affect the spirit; Do whatever you want

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### False Teaching

*Six Manuscripts* = Epistles: Colossians, James, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, Jude

*Lamp and Smoke* = Each letter expresses a concern over false teachings

*Figure's Face* = False teaching can blind and deceive; take care of doctrine

*Greek Column* = Colosse warned against effect of Greek philosophical schools

*God to fill you with ... all spiritual wisdom & understanding* (gnosis)

*The fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form* (dualism)

Don't be judged by your food, drink, festivals, sabbath (reversion)

Stay away from false humility, angel worship, regulations (asceticism)

*Battered Trumpet* = Peter & Jude sound warnings of those who distort faith

Jude - *Contend for the faith that was ... entrusted to the saints*

*Godless men change God's grace into a license for immorality* (sensuality)

The Lord will judge the ungodly (examples of Israelites, angels, Sodom & Gomorrah)

2 Peter - Many will follow false prophets with destructive heresies

God punished (spared) demons (angels), flood (Noah), Sodom & Gomorrah (Lot)

*Be on your guard...not be carried away...grow in the grace*

*Damaged Crib & Crown* = 1&2 John warns of denying Jesus' divinity or humanity

*The man who denies Jesus is the Christ is the antichrist*

*Deceiver who doesn't acknowledge Jesus in the flesh is antichrist*

*Dead Wreath* = James warned against a faith which produces no good works

Faith without deeds is dead, Living faith examples of Abraham and Rahab

### Review of New Testament Bethel Study Topics and Picture Concepts

## Lesson - Sanctification

### Sanctification

Definition = Sanctify - To set apart as holy or for holy purposes

Whereas *justification* changes the status of the sinner in God's eyes,  
*sanctification* changes the person

*Blooming Flower* = A right relationship with Christ brings fullness of life

John 10:10 = *I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

How does sanctification lead to fullness of life?

Homework Question – *Are the lives of God's children transformed immediately and completely when they enter the household of faith or does such transformation assume a passage of time in relationship with Christ?*

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*Clock Face* = Fullness of Life evolves gradually over time (not instantly)

2 Corinthians 3:18 = *We grow into his likeness with ever-increasing glory*

Philippians 1:6 = *He who began a good work in you will carry to completion*

Philippians 2:12-14 = *I haven't obtained it, but press on to the goal*

*Clock's Hands Catch Weeds* = Time roots out things which choke out the full life

2 Peter 1:3-4 = *He gives all we need for divine nature, escape corruption*

Ephesians 4:12-16 = *... until we become mature in the fullness of Christ*

Colossians 1:28 = *that we may present everyone perfect in Christ*

Philippians 2:12 = *work out your salvation with fear and trembling*

1 Peter 5:8 = *Your enemy the devil prowls...like a lion looking...to devour*

Titus 2:11-12 = *say "No" to worldly passions and live self-controlled*

Galatians 5:16-18+ = *do not gratify the desires of the sinful nature*

Romans 13:11-14 = *The night is nearly over; the day is almost here.*

Ephesians 4:22-24 = *Put off your old self ... put on the new self*

*Numbers on the Clock Face* = Twelve points on Sanctification

- I. Birth Into Christ
- II. Hunger for God's Will
- III. Effort to Learn God's Will
  - Worship
  - Study
  - Fellowship
  - Prayer
- IV. Understanding
- V. Sense of Values
- VI. Awareness of Sin
- VII. Awareness of God's kindness
- VIII. Sense of Gratitude
- IX. Responsiveness
- X. Sense of Responsibility
  - Time
  - Talents
  - Possessions
  - Moral & Spiritual Integrity
- XI. Sacrificial Involvement
- X. Christlikeness

Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials = Hand out Study 19 and Assignment 20

Next Week - *Revelation*

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### New Testament Bethel Study Topics

#### *The Messiah Comes*

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| 1) Galatians 4:4-5 | - In the Fullness of Time              |
| 2) John 1          | - The Word Became Flesh (Jesus as God) |

#### *The Nature of Jesus*

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| 3) The Gospels | - Jesus the Man                   |
| 4) The Gospels | - Jesus - Spokesman to Distortion |
| 5) The Gospels | - Jesus the Teacher               |
| 6) The Gospels | - Jesus the Savior                |

#### *God's Plan Fulfilled*

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| 7) The Gospels | - A Light in the Darkness |
| 8) The Gospels | - The Empty Tomb          |

#### *The Early Church*

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| 9) Acts                        | - Christ the Lord |
| 10) Hebrews, Galatians, Romans | - Reversion       |

#### *Guidance for the Church*

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| 11) Romans                          | - Justification  |
| 12) Hebrews 11                      | - Faith  |
| 13) 1 & 2 Thessalonians             | - 1 & 2 Thessalonians (Looking for Christ's Return)      |
| 14) 1 & 2 Corinthians               | - 1 & 2 Corinthians (Christian Life in an Immoral World) |
| 15) Ephesians                       | - The Church   |
| 16) 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus            | - 1 & 2 Timothy (Pastoral Letters)                       |
| 17) 1 Peter                         | - 1 Peter (Persecution on the Road to Life)              |
| 18) Col, James, 2 P, 1&2 John, Jude | - False Teaching   |
| 19) Matthew - Revelation            | - Sanctification   |

#### *The Destiny Still Stands*

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| 20) Revelation | - The Second Coming |
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