

Bethel Bible Series

Sanctification

NT Study 19

People don't care how much you know, they want to know how much you care. - PK

Welcome

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 and church in house
Onesimus, Philemon's slave, escaped and 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 and 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
Lamp and Smoke
Figure's Face*

Greek Column

God to fill you with ... all spiritual wisdom and 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)
Put to death whatever belongs to your earthly nature (sensuality)

Battered Trumpet

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 and Gomorrah)

2 Peter - Many will follow false prophets with destructive heresies
God punished (spared) demons (angels), flood (Noah), Sodom and Gomorrah (Lot)
Be on your guard...not be carried away by error...grow in the grace

Damaged Crib and Crown

The man who denies Jesus is the Christ is the antichrist
Deceiver who doesn't acknowledge Jesus in the flesh is antichrist

Dead Wreath

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

Lesson - Sanctification

Sanctification

Sanctify

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

Blooming Flower

John 10:10
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

Is sanctification instantaneous or gradual?

2 Corinthians 3:18

Is this transformation something we have to do?

Philippians 1:6

Did Paul feel he had reached the full life through sanctification?

Philippians 3:12-14

How does God help us as we spend time and grow in our relationship with Him?

2 Peter 1:3-4

How can we participate in the divine nature?

Ephesians 4:12-16

How do we help others grow in sanctification?

Colossians 1:28

Clock's Hands Catch Weeds

What is the source of the weeds that choke out the full life?

1 Peter 5:8

How are we to fight against the weeds of evil that are thick in this world where we live?

Titus 2:11-12

How do we deal with the weeds of temptation that Satan plants in our lives?

Galatians 5:16-18

What did Paul advise about pressing on toward the goal of a sanctified life in this sin-filled world?

Philippians 2:12-13

What should we remember when the weeds of temptation seem to have their grasp on us?

Romans 13:11-14

Is it just a matter of saying no to temptations?

Ephesians 4:22-24

Numbers on the Clock Face

I. Birth Into Christ

1 Peter 1:3

II. Hunger for God's Will

1 Peter 2:2

III. Effort to Learn God's Will

Acts 2:42

Worship

Psalm 103:1

Study

2 Timothy 3:14-17

Fellowship

Hebrews 10:25

Prayer

Romans 8:26

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Numbers on the Clock Face

- IV. Understanding
Colossians 1:9
- V. Sense of Values
Romans 6:17-18, 22
- VI. Awareness of Sin
Romans 7:15-24
- VII. Awareness of God's kindness
Isaiah 63:7
- VIII. Sense of Gratitude
Colossians 3:15-17
- IX. Responsiveness
Exodus 24:7
- X. Sense of Responsibility
Ephesians 4:15-16

Time
1 Corinthians 15:58
Talents
Romans 12:6-8
Possessions
1 Corinthians 8:1-5
Moral and Spiritual Integrity
Hebrews 13:18

- XI. Sacrificial Involvement
John 13:1, 4-5, 12-17
- XII. Christlikeness
Ephesians 3:16-19

Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials

Next Week - *Revelation*