

# 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*