

# ***Sunday Sermon Notes***

## ***"Sanctify"***

### **Two great words of salvation:**

Forgiveness  
Sanctification

### **Two questions about sanctification:**

What is sanctification?  
Have I been sanctified?

### **Sanctification means three things:**

Consecration  
Cleansing  
Filling

### **Two questions I must answer:**

#### **Have I?**

Fully committed myself to God's will?  
Submitted myself to God's purification?  
Opened myself to the fullness God's Spirit?

#### **Am I?**

Living in obedience to God's will?  
Continuing to be cleansed from all sin?  
Being filled with God's Spirit daily?

***What am I really seeking in my life today?***

# ***Digging Deeper***

## **Notes for Individual Meditation and Small Group Discussion**

### **Reviewing the Sermon:**

Before hearing today's sermon, what were some of your ideas of what "sanctification" meant?

How has the illustration of the "coffee cup" helped you to understand the meaning of sanctification? What questions do you still have about its meaning?

Which part of sanctification do you feel has been the greatest need in your life? Which do you find the most difficult to know you have experienced?

The question, "Have I?", points toward a definite time in ones life when he or she is first fully committed to being sanctified. Why do you think it is important for us to know whether or not we have made this kind of commitment?

The question, "Am I?", points us toward the realization that sanctification is an ongoing process that continues in the life of a Christian throughout his or her life. Why isn't it enough to just know that I was sanctified sometime in my past?

How important do you believe it is that we better understand what it means to be sanctified?

***Bible Study: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24***

### ***Discussion Questions***

*(Remember that not all questions must be used)*

The two verses we are studying today serve as a part of Paul's concluding remarks to the church in Thessalonica. Rather than being words of commandment, they are really more words of promise to the church and Christians. They should help us to better understand the privileged relationship in which God wants us to live as those who have been "sanctified through and through."

Verse 23 identifies God as "the God of peace." In what ways do you believe God is "the God of peace"? Why should this be important for us to know when thinking about sanctification?

We Nazarenes sometimes refer to being "entirely sanctified." This terminology is supported by Paul's words, "sanctify you through and through." What do you believe it means to be sanctified "through and through"?

Why do you believe so many of fail to enjoy the privilege of being sanctified "through and through"? What do you believe keeps us from being sanctified fully?

The result of being sanctified is that we will be "kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." What do you believe it means to be "kept blameless"? Why do you think Paul says that our "whole spirit, soul and body" will be kept blameless? Why do you think he includes our soul and body with our spirit?

Verse 24 concludes with the promise that God not only "calls" (commands) us, but also does what he has called us to do. Why is this promise so important to our discussion of sanctification? Why does knowing that it is God who does the sanctifying, and not just us, so important to our understanding of this grace?

**Prayer Time:** Let the group share any questions and struggles they may want to share about sanctification. Don't try to answer the questions, agree that you will pray for each other as you seek to understand and experience this blessing.

# Sanctified and Holy

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*John 17:13-19*

*"Sanctify"*

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