A SANCTIFIED OR SEPARATE PEOPLE
Heb. 12:14; I Cor. 1:2; II Cor. 6:17

INTRODUCTION:
1. The word "SANCTIFIED" has been so badly abused and so often given a wrong meaning, that its true meaning and value have been, to a large degree, lost to the people of God.
2. The word is found often in the Bible, and many times it is applied to Christians.
3. Sanctification is important and essential in the Christian life.

I. WHAT IS SANCTIFICATION?
1. To set apart for a special purpose; to dedicate to Jehovah; to consecrate; to make holy; to separate from other things or persons.
2. The term as it is used in the Bible:
   (1) Mt. Sinai was sanctified for the giving of the Law -- Ex. 19:23
   (2) The Tabernacle and all its vessels and furniture were called "holy" -- Ex. 40: 9, 10
   (3) The Levites were set apart from the other tribes -- Num. 8: 14 - 18

II. THE CHURCH IS SANCTIFIED
1. Eph. 5: 25 - 26; I Cor. 1:2; I Pet. 2:9; I Cor. 6:11
2. The Lord called His people the "church" -- Matt. 16:18
   (1) They are a "called out" people, set apart unto God.
3. Jesus said, "I have chosen you out of the world" -- John 15:19; 17: 15 - 16
4. God’s church is a sanctified church.

III. EVERY CHRISTIAN IS SANCTIFIED
1. The Christian is sanctified, "set apart" for the Master's use -- II Tim. 2: 19 - 21
   (1) The Lord can only use the Christian who keeps himself pure and prepared -- II Tim. 2:22; I Tim. 5:22; Rom. 12: 1 - 2
2. The Christian is to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness -- Eph. 5: 11; II Cor. 6: 14 - 7:1
3. God always sanctifies men that He uses:
   (1) The Levites -- Num. 8: 14 - 18
   (2) Samson -- Judges 13: 2 - 5, 7
   (3) Samuel -- I Sam. 1:11
   (4) John the Baptist -- Luke 1: 15 - 17
4. The Christian is more completely sanctified than all others:
   (1) They are blood-bought -- I Cor. 6:20; I Pet. 1: 18 - 19
   (2) They are blood-washed -- Rev. 1:5
5. A Christian, in view of this sanctification, should be a power for good in the service of God.
6. God wants to bless men through us:
   (1) To Abram God said, "Thou shalt be a blessing" -- Gen. 12:2
   (2) Has he?
   (3) Are we fit? II Tim. 2:21
IV. THREE WAYS GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SEPARATE
1. They are to be separate in DOCTRINE
   (1) II Tim. 4: 2 - 5; Tit. 2:1; II John 9 - 11; Tit. 2:10; Lev. 10:10; Ezek. 22: 26
   (2) God's people practice NO doctrine but the doctrine of Christ.
   (3) When God's people practice the doctrine of men, they cease to be a separate people to God.
2. God's people are to be separate in WORSHIP
   (1) They do not worship God with the doctrines of men -- Matt. 15:9; Col. 2: 20 - 23
   (2) Their worship is characterized by simplicity
      1. No shows
      2. No human methods of raising money, such as pie suppers, rummage sales or bingo.
         (1) Each Christian just gives as he has been prospered -- I Cor. 16:2
      3. We praise God in song without the aid of mechanical instruments of music -- Eph. 5:19
         (1) They use no paid singers or robed choirs
      4. They teach the simple gospel -- Acts 20:7; 2: 42
         (1) They have no book reviews
      5. Faithful Christians observe the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day -- Acts 20:7
         (1) They eat it on no other day.
3. God's people are to be separate in LIFE -- Rom. 12: 1 - 2; Tit. 2: 11 - 12; James 4:4; Matt. 5: 13 - 16

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