

Sanctification

'Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth.' – John 17:17

Sanctification: to be set apart from and consecrated unto

-Jesus prays to the Father in John 17:17 that He (the Father) would sanctify us.

-As with everything we have or become in the Lord, Jesus Christ is the source and provider... even our sanctification. In the next verse (vs 18), He declares that we are able to be sanctified only because He already sanctified Himself for our sakes.

What was Jesus sanctified from?

What are we sanctified from:

- The world (2nd Corinthians 6:17)
- Our old life (2nd Corinthians 5:17)
- The things of darkness and the flesh (1 Peter 2:9)

To whom are we consecrated:

- God Himself: He chose us for Himself before the foundations of the world (Ephesians 1:4)
- God's service: we must be pure vessels for His use (2nd Timothy 2: 21)
- Christ's body: if He sanctified Himself for our sake, we ought also to do the same for His body (1 John 3:16)

Why is the Word critical to our sanctification?

- By it we know the Truth; Jesus Christ is the Truth (indeed, He is the Word)
- By it we are washed and made clean (John 15:3, Ephesians 5:26)
- Renewing of the mind comes through letting the Word have its way in our life.

What are hindrances to sanctification?

Jesus Christ is the end of our sanctification. He is the standard; the culmination of our perfect sanctification is bound in Him... we becoming as He is (I John 4:17)