

Introduction

1. Sanctification requires us to work together with God in order to achieve the desired result.
2. It is possible to be sanctified ([Jd. 1-2](#)).
3. The Corinthians were sanctified ([1 Cor. 1:2](#); cf. [1 Cor. 6:11](#)).
 - a. Yet they had some serious issues to overcome (cf. [1 Cor. 1:10-13](#), [3:1-4](#), [5:1-13](#), etc.).
 - b. This teaches us that sanctification requires work!

I. God Has Done His Part for Sanctification

1. God sent and sanctified His Son Jesus.
 - a. The Father sent Jesus to do His will ([Jn. 5:30](#); cf. [Jn. 4:34](#), [6:40](#), [8:16-18](#)).
 - b. The Father sanctified Jesus ([Jn. 10:36](#)).
2. Jesus sanctified Himself ([Jn. 17:19](#)).
 - a. Jesus is the master example of sanctification ([1 Cor. 1:30](#)).
 - b. If we are to be like Jesus, we too must sanctify ourselves.
3. God sent His Son so that He may be sacrificed to achieve our sanctification.
 - a. The offering of the body of Jesus ([Heb. 10:1-14](#)).
 - b. The blood of Christ ([Heb. 10:29](#), [13:12](#)).
4. God sent His Word spoken through His Son ([Jn. 12:48-50](#), [14:10](#), [24](#); [Heb. 1:1-2](#)).
 - a. God's Word, which is truth, sanctifies ([Jn. 17:17](#), [19](#)).
 - b. We cannot achieve sanctification without proper knowledge **and** application of God's Word.
5. God promised to send the Holy Spirit to the apostles to guide them into all truth ([Ac. 1:4-8](#); cf. [Lk. 24:49](#)).
 - a. Jesus dealt with this in detail in [John 14-16](#).
 - b. God kept His promise (cf. [Ac. 2:1ff](#)).
 - c. We will examine in detail the Holy Spirit's role in sanctification next Lord's day morning.

II. We Must Do Our Part for Sanctification

1. We must understand who God is.
 - a. God is **not** nature ([Gen. 1:31-2:2](#); cf. [Ps. 8](#)).
 - b. God is **not** a man ([Num. 23:19](#); cf. [Isa. 55:8-9](#)).
 - c. God is to be sanctified ([Isa. 8:13](#); [1 Pt. 3:15](#)).
 - d. God's name is to be sanctified ([Isa. 29:23](#)).
2. We must have faith ([Ac. 26:18](#)).
 - a. But not a dead faith ([Jm. 2:14-26](#)).
 - b. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God and the Word of God sanctifies ([Rm. 10:17](#); [Jn. 17:17](#)).
3. We must understand sanctification will cost us something.
 - a. Sin costs ([Rm. 6:23](#)).
 - b. Job understood this ([Job 1:5](#)).
 - c. We must give God our holy (sanctified) lives ([Rm. 12:1-2](#)).
4. We must be washed in order to be sanctified.
 - a. The Israelites had to be washed before approaching God ([Ex. 19:10, 14](#)).
 - b. The priests had to be washed before approaching God ([Ex. 29:4](#)).
 - c. It was no accident that the tabernacle, and later the temple, had a laver for washing before it could be entered by the priests for offerings ([Ex. 30:18-21](#)).
 - d. Washing comes **before** sanctification ([1 Cor. 6:9-11](#)).
5. We must understand sanctification is a process.
 - a. Sanctification takes time ([2 Ch. 29:5, 17](#); cf. [Ex. 19:10-11](#)).
 - b. Sometimes those who should be sanctified the most fall short ([2 Ch. 30:1-3, 15-17](#)).
 - c. Remember the issues the Corinthians had to overcome?

Conclusion

1. God has done His part to enable our sanctification.
2. We must be sure to do our part so that we can be sanctified.