

Introduction

1. Sanctification produces definite results or fruits.
 - a. A tree is known by its fruit ([Mt. 7:15-20](#)).
 - b. God wants us to bear much fruit for Him to His glory ([Jn. 15:1-8](#)).
2. The new man is formed in the likeness of God in righteousness and holiness of truth ([Eph. 4:24](#)).
 - a. Righteousness has to do with making the choices that God would make or approve of (cf. [Mt. 3:13-17](#)).
 - b. All of God's commandments are righteousness ([Ps. 119:172](#)).

I. Sanctification Produces Holiness

1. God is holy ([Ex. 15:11](#); [Lev. 11:44-45](#); [Isa. 5:16](#)).
 - a. Holy is the opposite of profane, common, or ordinary ([Eze. 22:26](#); cf. [Eze. 44:23](#)).
2. When a person obeys the gospel they change their allegiance from sin to righteousness leading to holiness ([Rm. 6:16-23](#)).
 - a. Devotion from sin to devotion to holiness.
 - b. This influences our decision making on a daily basis.
 - c. The Scriptures are holy thus making us holy through application ([2 Tim. 3:14-17](#)).
3. Holiness separates Christians from the world and the behavior of the world ([1 Pt. 1:13-16](#)).
 - a. To gird up the loins is to be unimpeded in work or walking ([1 Pt. 1:13](#)).
 - b. We are to be sober ([1 Pt. 1:13](#)).
 - c. Holiness makes sure that we obey God and not conform ourselves back to the former lusts ([1 Pt. 1:14](#)).
 - d. Holiness affects the entire way that we live ([1 Pt. 1:15](#)).
4. Holiness demands sexual purity ([1 Th. 4:3-7](#)).
 - a. The sexual relationship is only authorized in a valid marriage ([Heb. 13:4](#)).
 - b. Sanctification demands abstinence from fornication ([1 Th. 4:3](#)).
 - c. Control of the body is absolutely necessary ([1 Th. 4:4-6](#); cf. [1 Cor. 9:27](#)).
 - d. Pornography is a real problem and it affects everyone.

- e. God has called us to holiness ([1 Th. 4:7](#)).

Conclusion

1. When sanctification takes place righteousness and holiness are produced.
 - a. This takes getting the world out and the Word of God in!
2. It is easy to be influenced by the world so we must work extra hard to overcome this.
 - a. This is why God has given us His Word.
 - b. This is why God has given us His church (each other).
 - c. The church is a sanctified people as we will conclude next week.