

**SERIES: TRUE SPIRITUALITY**  
**"THE KEY TO TRUE SPIRITUALITY - BIBLICAL SANCTIFICATION"**  
**1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-7**

**INTRO:** Over the past few weeks we have been involved in a series that, in many ways, will MAKE OR BREAK the spiritual life, service and testimony of many within our congregation. The topic is TRUE SPIRITUALITY. God desires each of us to be BIBLICALLY SPIRITUAL so that He can use us properly for His honor and glory. Today, the Lord willing, we will conclude the series that I trust will be a blessing to your walk with the Lord. Let's open our hearts to see what the Lord has for us today.

**REVIEW THE SERIES**

- 1) Message One: "THREE TYPES OF PEOPLE ." (1 Corinthians 2:14-3:4)
  - The Natural Person - The Unsaved Person
  - The Carnal Person - The Saved Babe in Christ
  - The Spiritual Person - The Saved Mature Christian
- 2) Message Two: "BIBLICAL SPIRITUALITY."  
-Defined as "A GROWN-UP RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT RESULTING IN MATURE CHRISTIAN LIVING."
- 3) Message Three: "EVIDENCE OF BIBLICAL SPIRITUALITY."
  - Regeneration
  - Control of the Holy Spirit
  - Time walking with the Lord
  - Spiritual Exercise

***THE KEY TO TRUE SPIRITUALITY IS BIBLICAL SANCTIFICATION!***  
***WITHOUT BIBLICAL SANCTIFICATION TRUE SPIRITUALITY IS IMPOSSIBLE!***

***I. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF BIBLICAL SANCTIFICATION***

***A. The Meaning of Sanctification***

1. The root meaning of the word "SANCTIFY" is to "Be set apart, to be classified, and to be specifically qualified of a particular matter."
2. The biblical application of "SANCTIFY" is "TO BE SET APART UNTO GOD IN ORDER TO BE CLASSIFIED AND QUALIFIED FOR SPIRITUAL LIFE AND SERVICE."

***B. The Means of Sanctification***

1. The Offering of Jesus Christ - Hebrews 10:10
2. The Belief of the Truth (Salvation) - 2 Thessalonians 2:13

Without SANCTIFICATION it would be IMPOSSIBLE to be SAVED, to have a RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, to GROW SPIRITUALLY and to SERVE THE LORD effectively.

***II. THE STAGES OF BIBLICAL SANCTIFICATION***

***A. Positional Sanctification- Accomplished AT THE POINT OF SALVATION by trusting Jesus Christ ALONE as Personal Savior and being placed into the Body of Christ through the BAPTISM of the Holy Spirit.***

-1 Corinthians 1:2

***B. Progressive Sanctification - Accomplished by the POWER OF GOD through the HOLY SPIRIT and the application of the WORD OF GOD throughout the life of the believer.***

-2 Corinthians 3:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:23

1. Involving Yielding to God's Will
2. Involving Separating from Sin
3. Involving Growing in Christ

***C. Prospective Sanctification - Accomplished by God at the point of the Rapture when our Glorification is complete.***

-Romans 8:28-30; 1 John 3:2

### A SUMMARY STATEMENT ON BIBLICAL SANCTIFICATION

*ALL BELIEVERS IN JESUS CHRIST ARE POSITIONALLY SANCTIFIED IN CHRIST "ONCE AND FOR ALL" AT THE MOMENT OF SALVATION, THEN THEY ARE "BEING SANCTIFIED" TO SPIRITUAL MATURITY DAILY AS THEY YIELD TO GOD AND THEN THEY WILL BE ULTIMATELY SANCTIFIED INTO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST AT THE RAPTURE.*

### **III. THE SOURCES OF BIBLICAL SANCTIFICATION**

#### A. The God-Head

**ALL THREE PERSONAGES OF THE GOD-HEAD ARE INVOLVED**

1. God the Father - Purges the Believer - John 15:2
2. God the Son - Redeems the Believer - Hebrews 13:12
3. God the Holy Spirit - Produces the Fruit - Galatians 5:22,23

#### B. The Believer

**BY THE BELIEVER YIELDING TO THE PURPOSE OF GOD**

1. By Grieving NOT the Holy Spirit - Ephesians 4:30

**RESTRAINING FROM AND REPENTING FROM SIN**

2. By Quenching NOT the Holy Spirit - 1 Thessalonians 5:19

**REFUSING TO YIELD TO THE WILL OF GOD**

3. By Walking IN the Holy Spirit - Galatians 5:16

**DEPENDING UPON THE POWER AND ABILITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

### LESSON AND APPLICATION

Sanctification can ONLY be experienced through being BORN AGAIN! Once a person is BORN AGAIN he/she has ALL THAT IS NEEDED to be TRULY SPIRITUAL because of the process of SANCTIFICATION by ALLOWING the HOLY SPIRIT to work in his/her life. Allowing the Holy Spirit to work is the MAIN ELEMENT OF OBEDIENCE FOR THE BELIEVER TO CONSIDER. After that, the HOLY SPIRIT HAS HIS WAY WITH THE BELIEVER.