

SANCTIFICATION

Text: Judges 13:5 (Samson)

God's instruction of Sanctification is not new for man. It was issued to early on with Moses (Exodus 20 –Ten Commandments) after man proved he could not stand on his own. God's plan (through rules and laws) was to have man honor and obey His commandments by separating clean from unclean (Leviticus 11) to ensure a healthy and long life – this was God's covert plan for His people. Ultimately, God's preparation is to have man clean inside and out by providing a way for him (Jesus Christ).

Clean and unclean—that can be a matter of great importance to us, but it is also a matter of differing definitions. In third world countries, “clean” means “free of large clumps of contamination.” In our children's bedrooms, clean has a definition which means that everything has been kicked into one general pile and if given enough time, they can find what they left in that pile. Clean means something different when we come to the definition of clean versus unclean in Leviticus. It is important for us to understand the meaning of **clean** and **unclean**, as

Exodus 13:2 - Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the **womb** among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine.

Luke 2:23 - (As it is written in the law of the LORD, Every male that openeth the **womb** shall be called holy to the Lord;)

2 Cor. 7: 1, *Let us purge ourselves from all filthiness of flesh and spirit, being led to holiness in the fear of God.* The starting point of **sanctification** is the filthiness, corruption, or stain of sin.

Jer. 31:33, I will put my *law into their mind, and in their heart will I write it*; For God Himself witnesses that holiness is a gift of inherent grace.

Ezekiel 11:19 - And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the **stony** heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:

Ezek. 36:26, 27, *I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit will I put into the midst of you.*

John 17:17 - **Sanctify** them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

1 Peter 3:15 - But **sanctify** the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

2 Thessalonians 2:13 - But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through **sanctification** of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

Hebrews 13:12 - Wherefore Jesus also, that he might **sanctify** the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

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Although the sequence is not necessarily rigid or "fixed" in the Plan, each step is nonetheless critical in the progression to the ultimate goal —ETERNAL LIFE.

The Nature of [Sanctification](#) And Conversion

And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.
—Acts 20: 32

Sanctification is one of the necessary stones in the foundation and plan of salvation. In the Holiness Faith, it is prerequisite to the reception of the Holy Ghost. Truly, the temple must be sanctified before the Holy Spirit will enter to keep us. Sanctification through the Truth is one of the things, which helps us to put a difference between holy and unholy (Lev. 10:10). Through Sanctification, we are able to distinguish between the saints of the Most High and those who are among the hypocrites. We are only able to sanctify our physical lives, but the blood of Jesus is sufficient to sanctify us wholly — body, mind, and spirit (Heb. 13:12). Therefore, one of the primary steps in the direction of Holiness is to circumspectly look deep within one's self and thence to cast out all elements of uncleanness and unrighteousness.

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Romans 10:14...and how shall they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

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