

SANCTIFICATION? WHAT'S THAT?
I THESS. 5:23, 24; Gal. 5:22,23 Rom. 12:1,2

I. WHAT SANCTIFICATION IS NOT

It is not the New Birth. It is not perfection (II Cor. 4:7, "we have this treasure in jars of clay", it's not being exempt from temptation (Jesus was tempted), not maturity (it's a process of continual growth), it's not de-humanizing (we still have human emotions, reactions, etc.) But we are becoming more like _____.

II. WHAT SANCTIFICATION IS v. 23

A. Through and through

"_____ in all respects," or "complete at the _____"

B. Your whole spirit, soul and body.

Blameless - acquitted in a court of law; the charge won't stick

- 1) Spirit – our spirit that responds to God
- 2) Soul – mind, _____, emotions
- 3) Body – appetites, _____

Gal. 5:22,23 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Sanctification is us becoming more and more like Christ in every area of our life.

III. THE FIRST STEP (AFTER SALVATION) OF SANCTIFICATION - Rom. 12:1,2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

A. Present your body

- 1) Present
- 2) Living sacrifice – we yield to Him

B. Don't be conformed to the _____

C. Be transformed

- 1) By the renewal of our _____ – metamorphosis
- 2) This enables us to know the _____ of God

1) Our walk with God is like driving a car.

2) Our life like a 40 acre estate.

"Jesus, be the Lord of all the Kingdoms of my heart."

v. 24 "The one who calls you is faithful and He will do it".

Have you given Him the "title deed" to your life?

