

Making Disciples Aflame for Christ

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Jesus prayed: "Sanctify them in Truth, Thy Word is Truth." (John 17:17)



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WHAT WILL WE DO IN 2022?

The same thing we've been doing for the past twenty years:

TEACH THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE THAT THEY BE AFLAME FOR CHRIST FILLED WITH HIS LIGHT AND HOPE.

SANCTIFICATION IS GOD'S WILL FOR HIS PEOPLE (1 Thessalonians 4:3). God sanctifies a person to make them holy – which means, God sets a person apart for Himself, His purpose, and His glory.



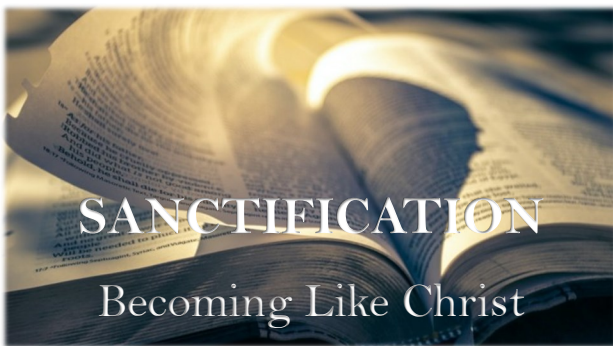
Define:
Sanctification

SANCTIFICATION has two parts, and the Triune God [Father, Son, Holy Spirit] works both parts in a person's life through **His Word**.

THE FIRST STEP OF SANCTIFICATION happens when a person is born of God (John 3:3) by placing their faith in the **Truth of God according to the Scriptures** regarding the work of Jesus Christ as God's only way to be saved and justified before Him (1 Corinthians 1:30, 2 Thessalonians 2:13, 1 Thessalonians 1:5). It is in this first step of Sanctification, that souls that were once separated from God He now forgives, justifies, frees from the penalty of sin (which is bearing His wrath for sin eternally in hell), reconciles to Himself, and brings into union with Him (Acts 13:38-39, Hebrews 10:10). God takes this person that has placed their faith in Christ and sets them apart for Himself to belong solely to Him!

SANCTIFIED
by the blood of
Christ
Hebrews 13:12

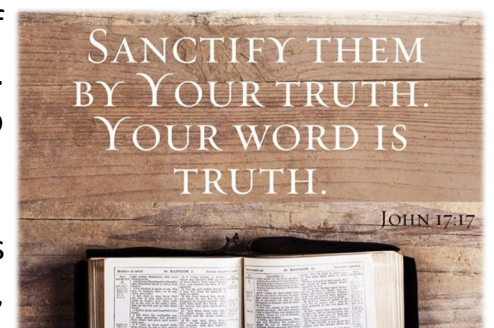
A CHRISTIAN IS SOMEONE THAT GOD CHANGES! He changes their spiritual condition. He removes their hard heart toward the things of God and gives them a new heart that is tender toward God! He gives them a new spirit and places the Holy Spirit within them (Ezekiel 36:25-27)! The Holy Spirit then works from the inside out transforming the Believer into the image of Christ...growing, changing the heart, and enabling obedience to Him and **His Word** from the inside out.



THE SECOND STEP OF SANCTIFICATION in the life of a born from above Believer is God's ongoing work in the heart turning them from their natural, Adamic-inherited, self-absorbed life to a holy, Christlike, Christ-centered life. Holy doesn't mean sinless perfection, it means *otherly*. It means that God is remaking the Believer's life from the inside out so that they look, think and act like God other than like the world. It's a life that is empowered by God to live in obedience to **His Word** and affect others for eternity. God's work of sanctification molds us and matures us to a Christlike life. It is Christ being formed in the Believer (Galatians 2:20, Galatians 4:19).

What is the primary tool our Triune God uses to do His work of progressive Sanctification in the Believer? **His Word** (John 17:17). If a Believer is not regularly in the Word and living in obedience to God's Word, they will not mature in Christlikeness and faith.

The Word of God is not the word of men. **All Scripture** is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17). **God's Word** performs its sanctifying work in those who belong to Christ (1 Thessalonians 2:13). It is absolute Truth and teaches, trains, guides, counsels, revives, nourishes, enriches, strengthens and sanctifies God's people.





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THIS MINISTRY IS ABOUT PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD for Spiritual Life and Nourishment through:

- One-on-One Biblical Counsel
- Personal Discipleship
- Group Bible Studies

WE ARE BIBLE TEACHERS THAT TEACH THE WORD OF GOD TO HELP PEOPLE KNOW, TRUST, AND LIVE BY GOD'S TRUTH.

Some of the people God sends us are not Believers yet. **THROUGH THESE 20 YEARS, WE HAVE SEEN GOD SAVE SOULS!**



PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION



Some Believers God sends us have never been truly disciplined in the Word. Many have even been involved in churches with false teachings. **We have been blessed by God to see many true Believers bloom as God sanctifies them through His Word – SOME EVEN BECOMING BIBLE STUDY TEACHERS AND SOME BECOMING PASTORS!**

In a day of much Biblical error and growing apostasy, we have seen God use this ministry to strengthen Christ's true church and to encourage His true Shepherds to press on and to fight the good fight of faith.



God has also changed us much through these 20 years of ministry!!!

**WE KNOW THAT IF ANYTHING GOOD HAS COME OUT OF THIS MINISTRY, GOD HAS DONE IT ALL!
WE GIVE HIM ALL THE PRAISE AND GLORY.**

WE ARE THANKFUL TO GOD

**FOR THE MINISTRY PARTNERS HE HAS BROUGHT ALONGSIDE THESE 20 YEARS!
YOU TOO ARE PART OF HIS WORK!** We thank God for your generosity and partnership, and we look forward to another year together in 2022!

OUR PRAYER FOR YOU IN THE COMING YEAR IS FROM 1 THESSALONIANS 5:23-24

**Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely;
and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete,
without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.**



The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you,

Ray, Tressa & Gwen

PRAISE REPORT: Once again, Ray's quarterly PETSCAN in December revealed NO EVIDENCE OF CANCER! This marks two years of clear PETSCANS. The Oncologist has officially declared Ray to be in Remission from Stage IV Metastatic Melanoma. This does not normally happen. Melanoma is a very aggressive and deadly cancer. Most people do not have these results from treatment. **GOD GAVE US A TRULY WONDERFUL AND GRACIOUS GIFT!** Ray will now have PETSCANS only twice a year. **THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR PRAYERS!**

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