

Lesson 8 Separation Sanctification

Definition – sanctify – **The Greek Word, because the original writing of The New Testament was written in Greek:**

hagiazō; to separate from a disrespectful to a sacred use; to set apart self-wholly to God and His service. The primary meaning is separation. It means to be made holy (**sacred, consecrated, hallowed**) only when a person or thing need to be cleansed from sin or defilement in order for **them** to be fit for the Master's use.

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1 Thessalonians 4:3-7 **“For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor; Not in the lust of concupiscence, (powerful feelings of physical desire) even as the Gentiles which know not God: That no man go beyond and defraud (deceive, swindle, or cheat) his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. For God, hath not called us unto uncleanness (dirty dogs); but unto holiness (spiritual cleanliness).”**

See also: 2 Chronicles 29:5, 15-18. **King Hezekiah purifies/consecrates the Temple.**

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What else have we consecrated for God's use only?

1. The building itself; (the sanctuary (the refuge, the safe place, the shelter or house of God))

2. The Communion table, the chairs, the pews, the carpet, the pulpit, the choir stand, the church dining room, the church paper, pencils, programs, hymn books, bibles, etc, all of this has been set apart to God. Romans 6:22 “But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.”

2 Timothy 2:20-22 “But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor and some to dishonor. If a man therefore purges himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the Master’s use, and prepared unto every good work. Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”

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1. According to James 4:4 what should now be our attitude towards "worldly or disrespectful things?" What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? ² You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. ³ When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁴ You adulterous people, ^{don't} you know that

friendship with the world means enmity against God?

Therefore, **anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.** ^a

James 4:4 An reference to covenant unfaithfulness; see Hosea 3:1. The LORD said to me, “Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes. ”

2. According to 1 John 2:15-16 what is **it** about our bodies that will find it *hard to SEPARATE from desiring the things of the world?* **KJV**¹⁵ Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

(The Message Bible)

- a. Don't love the world's ways.
- b. Don't love the world's goods.
- c. Love of the world squeezes out love for the Father.

Practically everything that goes on in the world—wanting your own way, wanting everything for yourself, wanting to appear important—has nothing to do with the Father. It just isolates you from him. The world and all its wanting, wanting, wanting is on the way out—but whoever does what God wants is set for eternity.

3. According to Psalms 1:1 is there a reward for those who forsakes the desires of the world? **Yes** the passage says; ***Blessed is the man*** that **walketh not** in the counsel (advice) of the ungodly, **nor standeth** in the way of sinners, **nor sitteth** in the seat of the scornful (disdainful).

4. According to Psalms 1:2 what ought we to desire? **But his delight** (desire) **is in the law** (the decree) **of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate** (contemplate, ponder think on) **day and night.**

5. What is the example in Numbers 16:1-26-35 we see as to what God Himself did to those who failed (who unsuccessfully) to separate themselves from the love of the world? ²⁸ Moses said to the crowd, “The LORD has chosen me and told me to do these things—it wasn’t my idea. And here’s how you will know: ²⁹ *If these men die a natural death, it means the LORD hasn’t chosen me.* ³⁰ *But suppose the LORD does something that has never been done before. For example, what if a huge crack appears in the ground, and these men and their families fall into it and are buried alive, together with everything they own?* Then you will know they have turned their backs on the LORD!”

6. We are to separate ourselves from the ways of the world because, what is it, according to Isaiah 59:1-3 that separates us from GOD? ^T

CEV -- The LORD hasn’t lost his powerful strength; he can still hear and answer prayers.

² Your sins are the roadblock between you and your God. That’s why he doesn’t answer your prayers or let you see his face.

NIV -- Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. ² But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. ³ For your hands are stained with blood, your fingers with guilt

7. According to 1 Corinthians 5:9-13 what should be our new attitude towards the list of worldly desires of the flesh? I wrote to you in my letter **not to associate with sexually immoral people**—¹⁰ not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world.¹¹ But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister^[c] but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people.¹² What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside?¹³ God will judge those outside. “Expel the wicked person from among you.”

a. Is the writer suggesting that we not fellowship with our unsaved family members and friends? **NO**

b. Or is he suggesting we not condone such disrespectful behavior to take place amongst us? **This is exactly what he is strongly suggesting!**

8. What ought be our attitude on cursing or "corrupt communication" according to Ephesians 4:29?

NIV -- **Do not let any unwholesome (unpleasant, distasteful, nasty, disagreeable, obnoxious, harmful, objectionable) talk come out of your mouths**, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

9. What should be our attitude towards membership in secret groups or clicks that practice evil or disrespectful deeds according to Ephesians 5:11-12? **Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.**¹² It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret.¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.¹⁴ This is why it is said:

10. What should be our attitude/position of feminism (the movement committed to securing and defending rights and opportunities for women that are equal to those of men) according to 1 Corinthians 11:1-15

Take a look at this passage from the Message Bible and compare to the KJV for clear understanding;

¹⁻²It pleases me that you continue to remember and honor me by keeping up the traditions of the faith I taught you. All actual authority stems from Christ. ³⁻⁹In a marriage relationship, there is authority from Christ to husband, and from husband to wife. The authority of Christ is the authority of God. Any man who speaks with God or about God in a way that shows a lack of respect for the authority of Christ, dishonors Christ. In the same way, a wife who speaks with God in a way that shows a lack of respect for the authority of her husband, dishonors her husband. Worse, she dishonors herself—an ugly sight, like a woman with her head shaved.

This is basically the origin of these customs we have of women wearing head coverings in worship, while men take their hats off. By these symbolic acts, men and women, who far too often butt heads with each other, submit their "heads" to the Head: God. ¹⁰⁻¹²Don't, by the way, read too much into the differences here between men and women. Neither man nor woman can go it alone or claim priority. Man was created first, as a beautiful shining reflection of God—that is true. But the head on a woman's body clearly outshines in beauty the head of her "head," her husband. The first woman came from man, true—but ever since then, every man comes from a woman! And since virtually everything comes from God anyway, let's quit going through these "who's first" routines. ¹³⁻¹⁶Don't you agree there is something naturally powerful in the symbolism—a woman, her beautiful hair reminiscent of angels, praying in adoration; a man, his head bared in reverence, praying in submission? I hope you're not going to be argumentative about this. All God's churches see it this way; I don't want you standing out as an exception.

11. What should be our attitude towards troublemakers in the church according to 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15?

^{KFV 6} Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that **ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly**, and not after the tradition which he received of us. ⁷ For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly (**unruly, riotous, uncontrollable, rebellious and wild**) among you; ⁸ Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you: ⁹ Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, **that if any would not work, neither should he eat.** ¹¹ For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies **somebody who meddles with other people's business.** ¹² Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread. ¹³ But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing. ¹⁴ And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, **note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.** ¹⁵ **Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish (correct, caution, warn and even reprimand) him as a brother.**

12. Should there be a difference in my lifestyle as a saved person now: than there was when I was unsaved, or without the salvation of Jesus Christ according to 2 Corinthians 5:11-17-21?

Because we understand our fearful responsibility to the Lord, **we work hard to persuade others.** God knows **we are sincere**, and I hope you know this, too. ¹² Are we commending (*showing off*) ourselves to you again? No, we are giving you a reason to be proud of us, **so you can answer those who brag about having a spectacular ministry rather than having a sincere heart.**

¹³ If it seems we are crazy, it is to bring glory to God. And if we are in our right minds, it is for your benefit. ¹⁴ Either way, Christ's love controls us. Since we believe that Christ died for all, **we also believe that we have all died to our old life.** ¹⁵ **He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ,** who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶ **So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view.** At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! ¹⁷ **This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person.**
The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

¹⁸ And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling (**unifying**) people to him. ¹⁹ For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, **no longer counting people's sins against them.** **And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.** ²⁰ So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" ²¹ For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

Class reading: Proverbs

Warnings against abuse [96] Citation: PROVERBS 020:001

King James: Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

New International: Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler; whoever is led astray by them is not wise.

Warnings against abuse [97] Citation: PROVERBS 021:017

King James: He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

New International: He who loves pleasure will become poor; whoever loves wine and oil will never be rich.

Warnings against abuse [98] Citation: PROVERBS 023:020

King James: Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh:

New International: Do not join those who drink too much wine or gorge themselves on meat,

Warnings against abuse [99] Citation: PROVERBS 023:030

King James: They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.

New International: Those who linger over wine, who go to sample bowls of mixed wine.

Warnings against abuse [100] Citation: PROVERBS 023:031

King James: Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.

New International: Do not gaze at wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it goes down smoothly!

Warnings against abuse [101] Citation: PROVERBS 031:004

King James: It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink:

New International: "It is not for kings, O Lemuel— not for kings to drink wine, not for rulers to crave beer,