

CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

- **April 26-29** - Gospel Meeting with Michael Whitworth @ Broad Street Church of Christ in Phenix City, AL.
- **May 2** - Love Lectureship
 - Anthony Hixson, Keith Dixon & Bobby Gayton will be speaking.
- **May 3** - Friends & Family Day
 - Bobby Gayton of Cartersville, GA will be preaching!
- Continue to remember Brother Forrest, Brooke & Clark, Pat Campbell, Margaret Hines, Geraldine Wilkins, June Poyner, Dot Debice, OP Boling and the sick and shut-ins in prayer.
- Men, if you would like to assist in the worship service please let Lee know.

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SERVICE ROSTER

Week of April 12, 2015

Sunday

Opening Prayer	F. Youngblood
Singing	G. Kendrick
Table & Giving	G. Wiggins
Assisting	G. McMurray
	R. Wilson
	C. Jenkins
	A. Walker
Sermon AM	L. Snow
Sermon PM	L. Snow
Closing Prayer	TBA
Counting	W. Phillips

Wednesday

Invitation	TBA
Invitation Song	W. Phillips
Prayer	G. McMurray

RECORDS - April 5, 2015

Sunday AM	
Sunday PM	
Wednesday	
Giving	\$1,820
Budget	\$1,550

MEETING TIMES:

Sun.	9:30AM - Bible Class
	10:30AM - Worship
	1:00PM - Worship
Wed.	7:00PM - Bible Class

LIFE LINES

OF THE **WARM SPRINGS ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST**
April 12, 2015

The Sanctification of the Godly

Sanctification, it's one of those "Christianese" words (the words Christians use and understand, mostly, but outsiders really have no idea what they mean). I'd be willing to guess that the majority of people claiming Christianity don't even know what this word means! It's a hard one! Especially when we are inundated with false doctrines regarding "saints" today by the biggest "Christian" group, the Catholic Church. When any word remotely *sounds* like the word saint people start conjuring up thoughts of statues and images depicted St. So-And-So the patron saint cliché names. But, what does the word really mean? What does it portray? Why has God decided to call His children those who have been "sanctified (1 Corinthians 6:11)"?

First off, let me say that it is extremely sad to me that so many people don't know the meaning of this word and the connection it has to the Christian! Hopefully I will be able to provide a small glimpse into the word during this article so as to aid in an understanding of just *some* of the blessings that are said to be *in* Christ (Ephesians 1:3), because they all stem from "sanctification."

The Bible holds within its pages 137 matches to the words "sanctify," "sanctified," and "sanctification" and even more if you were to consider phrases, like in our main text (Psalm 4:3), that have the meaning but not the exact word. The first time referring all the way back to the 7th day that ever existed. God is said to have "sanctified" the seventh day which would later be known as the Sabbath Day, or the day of rest (Genesis 2:3). The last time speaking of those who were Christians and made that way by God the Father, those who were "preserved" in Christ (Jude 1). So, this idea has been around since the beginning and is still alive and well some 6,500 years later during the Christian age! What a wonderful thought, but only if we actually know what it means!

Alright, enough introduction, WHAT DOES SANCTIFICATION MEAN! - It means exactly what David wrote in Psalm 4:3, "set apart." Now, the word in Psalm 4:3 is a different word than that of Genesis 2:3 but the English word carries the same meaning. God "set apart" the 7th day and made it *special* just as David states God had "set apart" for Himself those who are godly and made them *special*!

We're special? How in the world are those that are godly *special* compared to those who are not (also known as those spoken to in verse 2 of Psalm 4)?

It's easy, and it's all found in the 2 words directly proceeding the phrase "set apart" in Psalm 4:3. We were set aside, made special, put on a pedestal *for God!* Peter said it like this,

"But you [are] a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" - 1 Peter 2:9

But Lee, David was speaking about Jews and Peter was speaking about Christians! - They sure were, but in their respective times these groups to whom they were speaking were the chosen people of God. And since we are still called to be Christians through obedience to the Gospel and being disciples of Christ (Matthew 11:28-29, 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9, Acts 11:26), we are to be the special people Peter was talking to!

How are we special? Let's read it again straight from the pen of Peter, "...that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9)." Isn't that what David said way back in Psalm 4? - "The Lord *has set apart for Himself him who is godly.*" What's it mean to be "godly"? It means, according to Strong's, "(religiously) pious" or, according to the Dictionary.com app, "conforming to the laws and wishes of God; devout; pious." There it is again! It all relates back to following God's LAWS. That's who we are set apart, that's how we proclaim (show) the praises of God to the world, that's how we are godly.

Sanctification means you follow God's laws and then you're special, and people will see that special nature you have received through your outward actions based upon your beliefs (your "religion," James 1:21-27). Sanctification carries the entire weight of being a Christian! It denotes a person completely set on obeying God regardless of his own ideas or preconceived beliefs. It makes a person *special!*

- Lee Snow (thepfp.net)

SERMON PREVIEW

10:30 AM - **Radical Series: Radical Transformation (Acts 22)**

Paul's amazing transformation from chief of sinners (1 Timothy 1:15) to the powerful apostle of Jesus is a picture of God's power. We will look at Paul's life before, during and after conversion to see this picture!

1:00 PM - **Radical Series: Radical Sanctification (Titus 2:11-14)**

What does it mean to be "sanctified"? We'll look at four definitions of the word "radical" and how they directly relate to Paul's encouragement to Titus to be different from those around him.

KIDS' CORNER

This is a picture of Ananias baptizing Saul of Tarsus which is recorded in Acts 22. After he was baptized, Saul changed his name to Paul. He's the man that wrote a lot of the New Testament that we follow today!



MEMORY VERSE

"And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord." - Acts 22:16 (NKJV)

PERSONAL NOTES
