

SANCTIFICATION: SET APART

1 Thessalonians 5:23 – May God Himself sanctify you: spirit, soul and body.

Justification: occurs in the spirit of man

- Removes the **guilt** and **penalty** of sin
- An act done *for us* – once and final

Sanctification: occurs in the soul (mind, will, emotions) of man

- Removes the **growth** and **power** of sin
- A work done *in us* – ongoing process

THE MIND SET

Romans 8:5-8

- The mind set on the flesh is death.
- The mind set on the Spirit is life and peace!
- 2 Corinthians 10:5** – taking every thought captive!

EXPERIENCING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

- An "experience" with God.
 - Exodus 24:15-18** – What an amazing experience!
 - Who wouldn't want that?
 - Our generation: The Big WOW right NOW!
 - We read a chapter, have some prayer and off we go having not been affected by His presence.
 - We are constantly seeking another "new" experience.
 - Where has this shallow experience with God led?
 - Shallow lives, hollow religious philosophies, the glorification of men (have you ever heard so and so??), trust in religious externalities, empty fellowships, salesmanship methods for growth, secular patterns for deliverance.
 - All symptoms of one big problem: relying on the flesh to get closer to God (**Galatians 5:17**)

EXPERIENCING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

- The Presence of God.
 - Psalms 139:7-12** – God is here!
 - God is transcendent above all His works. (Infinite)
 - Psalms 139:13-24** – God is here, and He knows me!
 - While He is transcendent above all His works, He is immanent within them. (Personal)
 - We don't have to go here or there, or do this or that to be in His presence – God is right here right now for me!

EXPERIENCING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

- Experiencing the Presence of God, Here and Now.
 - A Change in our thinking.
 - 2 Corinthians 4:16-18** – We need to begin to focus on what is real (spiritual things) and stop putting so much emphasis on the temporal (earthly) things
 - True Worship. (**John 4:24**)

"Satan's object has always been: man's worship of him. In our hearts we have something which God wants and which Satan also wants. What heaven wants, hell too wants. Heaven and Hell fight for it – worship. Two thrones are at war. What are they fighting over? Worship..."

—Watchman Nee, *Worship God*

EXPERIENCING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

- Experiencing the Presence of God, Here and Now.
 - Worship.
 - Deuteronomy 6:13**
 - Exodus 20:5**
 - Matthew 4:10**
 - John 4:24**
 - Worship: ardent acknowledgment of the worth of something or someone.
 - Hebrew: to kneel and submit
 - Greek: to go forward and kiss His hand.
 - Bowing my heart to Him as Lord and God.
 - John 20:28** – "My Lord and my God."

EXPERIENCING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

3. Experiencing the Presence of God, Here and Now.
 2. Praise.
 - Psalm 150:6
 - Psalm 119:164
 - Psalm 147:1
 - Psalm 71:8
 - Praise is worship of God that is vocal, audible, or visible.
 - Praise is always active, assertive, demonstrative, and open – it is an expression of my bowed my heart to Him as Lord and God
 - When I see Him as Father, I am saved; When I see Him as God, I am nothing.

EXPERIENCING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

3. Experiencing the Presence of God, Here and Now.
 3. Truth.
 - John 17:17 – Thy *logos* is truth.
 - Hebrews 4:12 – the *logos* is living and active!
 - How do we set our minds on what is True?
 - By looking away to what is true – Romans 10:17
 - 2 Timothy 3:16,17 – All scripture.
 4. Prayer.
 - 1 Thess. 5:17 – pray without ceasing.

Tired of treading up the mountains looking for an experience?
Want to truly experience the presence of the Living God?