

**INTRODUCTION**

- \* Paul's first epistle (letter) to the church of Corinth was written in order to assist them in dealing with various issues with which they were struggling.
- \* Living in a hedonistic, licentious society can have an affect upon the "set-apartness" of the individual believer and gathering of believers.
- \* Paul's began this epistle by reminding the believers that they "... are sanctified (set apart) in Christ Jesus, called to be saints (set apart ones) ..."
- \* A major purpose of Paul's epistle is to assist the believers in both the theological and practical aspects of this process of sanctification.
- \* Last week we began considering this section where Paul is dealing with several areas in which we as believers must choose Kingdom thinking.
- \* Today, we consider Paul's instruction to the church regarding personal sanctification.

**INSTRUCTION:****I. THE F \_\_\_\_\_ OF OUR SANCTIFICATION****A. What We Were**

## 1. THEOLOGICALLY

- a. We Were U \_\_\_\_\_ In The J \_\_\_\_\_ of God
- b. We Were E \_\_\_\_\_ From the K \_\_\_\_\_ of God

## 2. PRACTICALLY

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| a. Fornicators   | f. Thieves      |
| b. Idolaters (cf. Acts 15:29; 1 John 5:21)                   | g. Covetous     |
| c. Adulterers (cf. Matt 5:27-28)                             | h. Drunkards    |
| d. Homosexuals (cf. Matt 11:8)                               | i. Revilers     |
| e. Sodomites (cf. 1 Tim 1:10, Rom 1:24-27; Lev 18:22; 20:13) | j. Extortioners |

**B. What Happened to Change Us?**

1. YOU WERE W \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. John 13:10; Hebrews 10:19-22; Revelation 1:5-6; Acts 22:16)
2. YOU WERE S \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. 1 Corinthians 1:2)
3. YOU WERE J \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Acts 13:38-39; Romans 3:19-26; Galatians 2:15-21)

**II. THE E \_\_\_\_\_ OF OUR SANCTIFICATION (v. 12-20)****A. The Arguments for L \_\_\_\_\_**

## 1. ALL THINGS ARE LAWFUL FOR ME

- a. The Intimation (cf. Romans 5:19-6:2)
- b. The Instruction
  - i. *WILL THIS ACTIVITY BE B* \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. *WILL THIS ACTIVITY BE E* \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. FOOD FOR THE STOMACH AND THE STOMACH FOR FOODS

- a. The Intimation (cf. Matthew 15:10-20)
- b. The Instruction
  - i. *THE P* \_\_\_\_\_ *OF GOD:*
  - ii. *THE P* \_\_\_\_\_ *OF GOD:*

**B. The Arguments for S \_\_\_\_\_**

## 1. DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT YOUR BODY IS \_\_\_\_\_ ? (v. 15-18; Romans 6:1-14)

- a. The Intimation:
- b. The Instruction:

## 2. DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT YOUR BODY IS \_\_\_\_\_ ? (v. 19-20)

- a. The Intimation:
- b. The Instruction:

## **INTROSPECTION**

- \* "WHY CAN'T I?" ... or ... "WHY SHOULD I?" WHICH PHILOSOPHY MORE CLOSELY RESEMBLES YOUR VIEW OF SANCTIFICATION?
- \* DO YOU CARE MORE ABOUT YOUR SELF-PLEASURE ... OR THE HOLINESS OF GOD?
- \* ARE YOU STILL STRUGGLING WITH SOME OF THE ITEMS IN THE "WHAT YOU WERE" LIST?
- \* IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?

## **INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion**

- \* What are some methods which you have used to aid you in your process of sanctification?
- \* What are practical ways that we can help one another in the process of personal sanctification?
- \* As one of many assemblies in the area, what is our role in the sanctification of the greater body of Christ?