



Back to Bethel

Fall Sermon Series
October

Genesis 35:1, God said, Arise,
go up to Bethel.



Scripture Lesson
Genesis 35:2-4



Scripture Lesson: Genesis 35:2-4, (NCV), So Jacob said to his family and to all who were with him, "Put away the foreign gods you have, and make yourselves clean, and change your clothes. We will leave here and go to Bethel. There I will build an altar to God, who has helped me during my time of trouble. He has been with me everywhere I have gone." So, they gave Jacob all the foreign gods they had, and the earrings they were wearing, and he hid them under the great tree near the town of Shechem.



Two Questions:

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1. How in the world can a believer be holy in a largely unholy world?
 2. Is it possible to live a sanctified life?
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Lesson Six: Living a Sanctified Life

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The Lord who Sanctifies.





Sanctification is the process of moving from the profane or common to the holy or set apart.



Exodus 31:13, But as for you, speak to the sons of — Israel, saying, 'You shall surely observe My sabbaths; for this is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the Lord who sanctifies you.

1 Thessalonians 4:7, For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.



Living a sanctified life is living
a life that brings glory to God.





— **How Are We Sanctified?**



Three Primary Agents in the Sanctification of a Christian

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— **1. The Word of God**



John 17:17, Sanctify them in the
— truth; your word is truth.

John 15:3, Already you are
clean because of the word that I
have spoken to you.



If the Word has a small place in our life,
sin will have a large place, and if the
Word has a large place in our life, then
sin will have a small place.





— **2. The Work of the Spirit**



I Peter 1:1-2, To God's elect . . . chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with His blood.

1 Corinthians 6:11, And such were some of you.
But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but
you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus
and by the Spirit of our God.



Ephesians 3:16, I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being.



Galatians 5:16-18, So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

— For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are against each other so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.



3. The Fellowship of Believers



II Timothy 2:22, So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.



Hebrews 10:24, Let us consider
— how to stir up one another to
love and good works.





Five Factors Towards Our Sanctification:





1. God

2. Truth

3. Wise People

4. Suffering and Struggle

5. You Change





Results in Living a Sanctified Life:



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- 1. Walking in the nine fruit of the Spirit.**
 - 2. Living a life of 'Not my will but thy will be done.'**
 - 3. The Word becoming the first and final authority in your life.**
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4. Living at peace with all men and peace with yourself.

5. Experiencing close communion with God.

6. Having victory over the demanding carnal desires of the flesh.





**“Sanctification means more than
learning what the bible teaches.
It involves personal change.”**



Bible Study Follow Up Chat Questions:

1. What was your greatest takeaway from today's lesson?
2. Do you have any questions regarding today's lesson?
3. How would you define sanctification?
4. Name the three primary agents in the sanctification of a Christian, Explain.
5. How does suffering help in our sanctification?
6. What are some results of living a sanctified life?