

Sanctified Romans 8:1-17

Into the Lesson:

With the countdown to Thanksgiving coming up (I know, it's already started for some), take some time to consider the process of putting together this annual feast.

For some this is a month-long process, or longer if dealing with out-of-town guests. For others it is an amazing feast that appears out of nowhere while you are outside playing touch football.

As we've been considering the key doctrines from the Book of Romans, Sam's quote (a couple weeks ago) from Dane Ortlund, provides an important insight "*Justification is outside in...Sanctification is inside out...*". How can this quote help us to understand the process of Sanctification?

Into the Word:

As you read Romans 8:1-17 chart the progression with "+" for the things God has provided and a "-" at the places we have attempted to "do things on our own".

How does v.11 provide a pivotal focal point in this process?

This series, to this point, has been on what God has done for us to restore relationship with Him. Spend some time focusing on our role in the Sanctification process.

John 17:17-21-

Acts 20:31-32-

Romans 6:17-22-

I Corinthians 1:30-31-

Hebrews 12:12-15-

What encouragement do Paul's words in Philippians 1:6 & 3:12-14 provide us to continue in the process?

Although Colossians 3:12-17 doesn't use the word, how does it provide a "where the rubber meets the road" example of how the church is expected to live a sanctified life?

Into Life:

How do you think the people who are not here this morning would respond to Sam's quote, "...We are slaves to the Spirit. We are controlled by the Spirit"?

How would a passage like Colossians 3:12-17 help those who might have problems with the concepts mentioned above?

How does this resonate with those who have bought into the misconception that, "it's my life, I can do what I want"?

What will our lives look like when we are, "Living like we are resurrected"?

How important is I Thessalonians 5:11 "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing" to remind us that this is not a "lone ranger" existence?

How crucial is prayer, both individually and corporately to this process?

We are not subject to die in our sin because Christ has made a way for us!