

The New Testament Church
The Gospel of the Kingdom #5 – Sanctification
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I Sharing the Gospel – **We confess that the Bible is the Word of God** (Sola Scriptura)

- A. Matthew 4:23 – Jesus “*preaching the gospel of the kingdom*”
 - 1. The **gospel** – “good news” – you can be rescued from your past
 - 2. Of the **Kingdom** – “rule” – you are saved to learning how to govern yourself
- B. Proclaim – “to herald” – share – James 3:17; exalt Christ and He will draw!
- C. Foundation stones to the Gospel of the Kingdom
 - 1. Creation/Sin – **We confess we are made in His image but marred by sin**
 - 2. Law/Grace – **We confess God’s Law is right and our need is for grace**
 - 3. Prayer – **Focus on God, do His will, be grateful, forgive, resist temptation**
 - 4. Persecution – **All that live godly will suffer some level of persecution**
- D. Sola Scriptura, Solus Christus, Sola Fide, Sola Gratia, Soli Deo Gloria

II Sanctification – *the action of declaring and making something/one to be holy (separate)*

- A. Exodus 19:10 – sanctify the people and wash their clothes in approaching God
 - 1. Sanctify – declare them holy before God – separate from sin
 - 2. Wash – an act of becoming holy by removing that which hinders you
- B. Ephesians 5:25-26 – Husbands toward wives / Christ toward the Church - holiness
 - 1. Sanctify – atonement for a crime, removing the penalty/stigma
 - 2. Cleanse – ceremonially cleansing – active washing in water
- C. Its meaning in both Old and New Testaments -
 - 1. **Positional sanctification** – imputed righteousness – declared holy
 - 2. **Progressive sanctification** – imparted righteousness – becoming more holy
- D. What **disciplines** ought we to focus on to aid in our sanctification?
 - 1. **Read** the Bible and spend time in prayer – John 17:17
 - a. Take time to read the Bible, ask questions, conduct a Bible study
 - b. Take time to pray – follow the pattern of the Lord’s prayer
 - 2. **Doer of the Word** – growing in the Lord – 2nd Cor. 3:18; (James 1:21-25)
 - a. My thoughts, talk, and how I react to things should change
 - b. My behavior and conduct – music, entertainment, habits that hinder
 - 3. **Renew your mind** with applying the Bible to every area of your life
 - a. We are transformed by the *renewing* of our minds! Romans 12:2
 - b. We reckon every thought dead to sin and raised to life! Romans 6:11
 - 4. **Learning to govern** key areas of your life that will help you grow
 - a. Steward your **time** – God, family, church, community – Ephesians 5:15-16
 - b. Steward your **money** – based on priorities of what you have
 - 1. First priority is to tithe – 10% minimal, but up to 23.3% (Old Testament)
 - 2. God owns everything – put him first (Mal 3:8-10; Luke 6:38)
 - 3. *The more God’s people tithe, the more God moves to limit improper taxes!*