

SCRIPTURE STUDY

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“The Holy Spirit: The Agent of Sanctification”

1 Peter 1:2; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

OPENING PRAYER

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT: “We believe the Scriptures teach that *sanctification* is the process by which according to the will of God, we are made partakers of His holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration; that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means — especially the Word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness, and prayer; in the practice of all godly exercises and duties.” *The New Directory For Baptist Churches, by Edward T. Hiscox, D.D., Judson Press, 1954.*

The Holy Spirit is the Agent, the One who has the power to produce the influence to bring about separation from sin, God rejection and moral impurity and bring us into holiness (1Pet. 1:15-16; Heb. 12:14).

A. The Holy Spirit Sanctifies - 1 Pet. 1:2

1. Sets Apart
2. Makes Holy unto God
3. Produces Holy Manner of Life

B. The Holy Spirit Sanctifies Through Obedience to the Faith (Rom. 1:5, 8)

1. Submission
2. Surrender
3. Self-Control

C. The Holy Spirit Sanctifies By the Sprinkling of the Blood of Jesus Christ (1 Pet. 1:2). The Sprinkling of the Blood...

1. Symbolized cleansing from sin (Num. 19:9; Heb. 9:13)
2. Symbolized obedience to God (1 Pet. 1:2)
3. Symbolized God’s Covenant Relationship (Ex. 24:38; Heb. 12:24; Mt. 26:28)

As the Agent of the believer’s sanctification, He Guides the believer to Mature Spiritual Growth and Development. He is the Agent of God’s Truth for us and in us. He brings the believer to Godly understanding of the past, present and future. He enables us with the Power to lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily beset us (Heb. 12:1)

REFERENCES REGARDING SANCTIFICATION

- A. The Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible
“Sanctification” p. 264-267**

- B. Master Outline & Subject Index,
Leadership Ministries Worldwide, Chattanooga, TN**
 - 1) 1 Pet. 1:2, p. 655-656**
 - 2) 1 Pet. 1:15-16, p. 678**