

GREAT BIBLICAL DOCTRINES (Perfection and Sanctification)**INTRODUCTION.**

- A. This is the next to last lesson in this series. Next week, will be a study on Salvation, and a summary of all the doctrines we have previously studied.
- B. At this time, the elders have decided that Floyd will begin a study on the book of Romans, on Sunday, Sept. 4th.

I. PERFECTION.

- A. Some promising thoughts; there is a way to:
 - 1. Be a complete person, in our lifetime.
 - 2. Live a balanced life.
 - 3. Keep from falling apart under life's pressures and problems.
 - 4. Be freed from the threats of the future.
 - 5. Be freed from the worries of the past. '
- B. The Bible calls it--PERFECTION.
- C. See Philippians 3:12-15.
- D. Perfection:
 - 1. Is wholeness, completeness, purity of purpose, and blamelessness.
 - 2. Means to be finished, whole, or healthy.
 - 3. Is NOT sinlessness.
 - 4. Can be attained even in the midst of occasion sin and frequent mistakes.
- E. Old Testament perfection:
 - 1. God Himself is perfect (Psa. 18:30-32). The term here, means a blamelessness or singleness of heart.
 - 2. Israel was to strive for perfection (Deut. 25:14,15). Use a measure that is fair and complete.
 - 3. The Jews were to live before God motivated by a pure and undivided heart (1Kgs. 8:61).
- F. New Testament perfection:
 - 1. See Colossians 1:27-29.
 - 2. Perfection means:
 - a. Maturity (Heb. 5:14).
 - b. Being full grown (1Cor 2:6).
 - c. Fully living up to a standard (Eph. 4:13).
 - d. God's working in one's life (Phil. 2:12,13).
 - e. Surrendering to God's will (Phil. 3:7-9).
 - f. Progress, pressing on (Phil. 3:12).

II. SANCTIFICATION.

- A. Out of God's confrontation of man, man sees his unworthiness and moral impurity. The word helps us recognize our own inadequacies, our own limitations, our own complete and dismal attempt to live the godly life.
- B. But, there is hope for cleanliness. A way to become holy, a power by which our lives can be changed here and now (Lev. 19:2; Isa. 8:13; 35:8).
- C. See 1Thessalonians 5:23.
 - 1. God works this process called sanctification in the Xian's life.
 - 2. Sanctification has to do with "preserved entire, without blame."
 - 3. It concerns w/the here and now, as well as what is to come.
- D. To be sanctified is to participate in God's nature (2Pet. 1:3,4; 2Th. 2:13).
- E. God sanctifies men. Notice the following:

1. There is the death of X on the cross (Heb. 9:13,14).
2. Sanctification was the purpose of X's death (Heb. 10:10).
3. We are cleansed and must remain so (Heb. 10:14).
4. Xians are to be without blemish at X's coming (Eph. 5:27).
5. A completely new nature and way of life (2Cor. 5:17).
6. Xians know a totally new inner strength (Eph. 3:20-21).
7. Sanctification means the presence of X in our lives (Gal. 2:20).
8. We now have the fullness of God's nature (Eph. 3:19).

NEXT LESSON.

- A. The next lesson will be the last in this series. Title: Salvation--The Ultimate Concern of all Religion.
- B. Also a brief review of all the subjects studied in this series.