

## **SERMON OUTLINE**

### **'Gospel Words'**

#### **Study - 5**

### **'Sanctification'**

#### **John 13 v1 - 13**

There are 5 key gospel words which help us to understand what the Christian gospel is all about:-

Regeneration, Justification, Redemption, Propitiation, Reconciliation

This morning we're adding another word (looking at reconciliation tonight) - it's the word, sanctification.

Key Question - What does this word mean? It means - 'to make holy'.

Key Text - 1 Cor 1 v2a. Lit - "called to be saints". This is what a saint is - someone who has been sanctified / someone who has been made holy.

Key Point - All Christians are saints. That is - all Christians are sanctified / all Christians are holy.

Key Passage - 1 Cor 6 v9 - 11a. Note - The picture used for sanctification (making holy / making saints) is that of washing. This is what John 13 v1 to 17 is all about.....

#### **A. In this passage we see Jesus exemplifying something**

In what He does here Jesus is giving us an example of what it is to be truly humble. Application - See - v14 - 17

#### **B. In this passage we see Jesus illustrating something**

Jesus not only gives the disciples an example to follow, He gives them a parable to learn from. Where actions speak louder than words, Jesus is showing the disciples how in the gospel He makes sinners to be spiritually clean. He does this in 2 ways.....

## **1. IN THE GOSPEL JESUS SANCTIFIES US COMPLETELY** **HE WASHES US ONCE AND FOR ALL**

Notice Jesus words to Peter in verse 8. Jesus was speaking about Peter's need (and our need) not just for physical / outward cleansing, but for spiritual / inward cleansing. The only way we can get into heaven is by being clean. Key Point - God is a holy God. See - Ps 24 v3 - 4a.

*'The most damaging dirt is not the dirt that clings to the hands or the face or the feet. It is the moral pollution that seeps into the crevices of the mind and the heart and the soul.'*

We cannot make ourselves clean - only Jesus can do this. What He does is to take the stain of our sin and the guilt of our sin to Himself (bearing it upon the cross) so that we might be cleansed (washed) completely. See - v10.

## **2. IN THE GOSPEL JESUS SANCTIFIES US DAILY** **HE WAS WASHES US EVERY DAY**

Picture the scene 2000 years ago. In arriving at the home of your host you wouldn't need another bath - but you would need to have your feet washed. This is a picture of the gospel. Jesus has washed us completely (once and for all) - but we still sin each day, and so we need daily cleansing. See - 1 Jn 1 v7. Lit - "keeps on cleansing us from sin."