

Discussion Questions for Sunday, May 31, 2015

Sanctification: Pursuing God-given Holiness (Philippians 2:12-13)

1. Of the two extreme views with regard to sanctification, do you tend more towards Quietism or Pietism? Why do you think this is so?
2. Discuss God's role: Working in (Philippians 2:13), and the Believer's role: Working out (Philippians 2:12).
3. Discuss the following definition: Sanctification - A supernatural, sovereign, internal work of God; combined with regenerate man's focused, diligent effort; utilizing God's ordained means; beholding God's glory; resulting in increasing Christlikeness.
4. Discuss the relationship between justification, sanctification, and glorification.
 - Justification is an instantaneous legal act of God where a believer is declared righteous on the basis of faith in Jesus Christ. Free from Sin's penalty.
 - Sanctification is a lifelong work of God and man where we are progressively made more like Christ and more free from sin. Becoming free from Sin's power.
 - Glorification is where God ultimately removes all sin from a Christian and gives him a resurrection body. Finally free from Sin's presence.
5. Pray through the GCO prayer guide together.