



Sermon Series: 16 Fundamental Truths

Message Title: Truth #9 – Sanctification

Truth #10 – The Church & It's Mission

What are the 16 Fundamental Truths?

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| #1. The Scriptures Inspired | #2. The One True God |
| #3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ | #4. The Fall of Man |
| #5. The Salvation of Man | #6. The Ordinances of the Church |
| #7. Baptism in the Holy Spirit | |
| #8. The Initial Physical Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit | |
| #9. Sanctification | #10. The Church and Its Mission |
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| #13. The Blessed Hope | #14. The Millennial Reign of Christ |
| #15. The Final Judgment | #16. The New Heavens & New Earth |

TRUTH #9 - SANCTIFICATION

Salvation is not the end of a Christian's spiritual growth or journey. Although we are declared holy or sanctified at salvation, there is still much more spiritual growth to be experienced! As the follower of Jesus submits to the work of the Holy Spirit & the Word of God they are progressively being transformed toward the character & heart of Christ.

- Sanctification is an act of **separation** from that which is evil, & of **dedication** unto God. (**Romans 12:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24**)
- The Scriptures teach a life of **holiness** without which no man shall see the Lord. (**Hebrews 12:12-14**)
- **By the power of the Holy Spirit** we are able to obey the command: "Be holy, for I am holy." (**1 Peter 1:13-16**)
- Sanctification is experienced by DAILY **identifying** with Christ, **walking** by faith, & **being led** by the Holy Spirit. (**Romans 6:1-14; 8:1-2, 13; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 2:12-13; 1 Peter 1:3-5**)

SIGNIFICANCE

This doctrine is important because too many Christians stop growing in their journey. But God's design for each of His children is for the Fruit of the Spirit (**Galatians 5:22-23**) and the character traits of a Christlike life, to be MORE obvious EACH DAY!

Take a moment to reflect on your Sanctification journey!

1. How has your life been transformed (actions, words, deeds, thoughts)?
2. How has this impacted your relationships (upward, inward, outward)?

TRUTH #10 - The CHURCH & It's MISSION:

The Church is the body of Christ and includes all Christians, with no boundaries as to age, race, gender, or denomination. Every believer collectively makes up the Church and is the dwelling place of God through the Holy Spirit.

- **Christ is the Head** of the Church (**Ephesians 1:22-23**).
- He has made every provision for the fulfillment of the **Church's Great Commission** (**Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15**).
- Each Christian is an **integral part** of the Church (**Ephesians 2:19-22**).
- **The names of all true followers** who have accepted Christ and live for Him **are written in Heaven** (**Hebrews 12:23**).

Since God's purpose concerning man is: to **seek and to save** that which is lost, to **be worshipped** by man, to **build a body of believers** in the image of His Son, and to **demonstrate His love and compassion** for all the world.

The priority reason for being, of the **Assemblies of God**, as part of the church is:

1. To be an agency of God for **evangelizing the world**. (**Acts 1:8 Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16**)
2. To be a corporate body in which **man may worship God**. (**John 4:23-24**)
3. To be a channel of God's purpose to **build a body of saints being perfected** in the image of His Son. (**Ephesians 4:11-16**)
4. To be a people who **demonstrate God's love and compassion** for all the world. (**Galatians 6:10; James 1:27**)

Take a moment to reflect on being a part of the Church.

1. Are you dedicated to sharing the Gospel, worshipping God, growing in your faith, and demonstrating God's love & compassion to the world? IF so, what are some highlights from your journey with Jesus?
2. What are some ways you can be a blessing to the other parts of the Body of Christ (the Church)? In what ways have you been blessed by others?
3. Ask God how to show you: Who He wants you to share the gospel with; Areas He wants to work on in you life; Ways you can worship Him with your life; Reason you have to give Him thanks for what He has done; How far He has brought you and what adventures He wants to take you on.

INSIGHTS:
