

## The DOCTRINE OF SIN

### Lesson 15 – The Sanctifying Shepherd Part 1

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“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”  
(Hebrews 10:24–25)

You need sanctifying \_\_\_\_\_. God never intended for you to do this \_\_\_\_\_. God never intended for you to live your Christian life \_\_\_\_\_.

You desperately need to be under the sanctifying Word of God on a regular, relentless basis.

We (pastors) understand the reason why there are so many independent churches, but independent churches are troubling for a number of reasons, one of which is that they have \_\_\_\_\_ pastors that answer to \_\_\_\_\_. Pastors are to feed the flock of God. They are not called to the \_\_\_\_\_. They are not called to revolutionize the neighborhood. They are not called to change the city as such. That’s an \_\_\_\_\_ effect. They are called to the redeemed. They are called to the elect. They are called to the flock of God.

Part of shepherding the flock is the \_\_\_\_\_ of those who come in from the outside and influence your flock... The outside influences that tend to corrupt your congregation must be guarded against; you must be a protector of your people from all of those kinds of destructive influences. Then, from the \_\_\_\_\_ even among yourselves men will rise up and perversity will show up inside your own church.

You measure a man’s ministry not by how many people he’s stuffed in the building. Not by how many people he reaches. You measure the effectiveness of a man’s ministry by how \_\_\_\_\_ his people are. That’s the only measure.

Wow! Do you know what the Lord Jesus Christ wants for His own sheep? \_\_\_\_\_ from the evil one! When Jesus taught His disciples to pray, He said pray like this: lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. The great Shepherd, the Chief Shepherd wants His people to be safe—spiritually safe. He wants for them \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

The church is a worshipping people. And, the ultimate essence of worship is \_\_\_\_\_. We’re not just trying to conduct worship on a Sunday. We’re endeavoring to produce a sanctified life, which is a worshipful life, and that life primarily manifests itself in consistent \_\_\_\_\_.

*“For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.”  
(Romans 7:15 ESV)*

*“I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”*

*(John 17:15–19 ESV)*

Discussion:

Building on our “Eternal Living Concept” what keys ideas or concepts can we integrate into this “new” life?

1. How Does Protection relate to Obedience?

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Rom 16:17-20, 25-27; 2 Cor 7:10-16; Heb 5:7-8; 1 Pet 1:22-25

2. How Does Christ-Likeness relate to Holiness and Virtue?

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2 Cor 7:1; Eph 4:17-24, 1 Th 3:11-13, Heb 12:7-14, 1 Pet 2:4-8